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The world is a bundle of hay;
Mankind are the asses who pull;
Each tugs it a different way,
And the greatest of all is John Bull

—BYRON.

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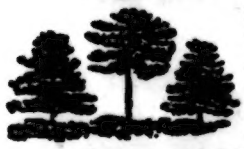

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THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL.

[*The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.*]

JOHN BULL was the first journal to announce that the Lords would reject the Budget—and it has never in any way qualified that statement. It is true we placed the election in November, and for all practical purposes we were right. The election is now on.

The extraordinary thing is that, until the last moment, some of the Ministers really believed that the Peers would swallow the Bill. Writing in this column in our issue of November 13th, we said: "Mr. Burns is of opinion that the Lords will, in the end, allow the Finance Bill to pass—a belief which may account for his mild tone in dealing with their amendments to the Town Planning Bill. *How sorry he will be!*" etc.

For a long time Mr. Asquith has been going about saying that the only alternative to the Budget is Tariff Reform. Now, Mr. Balfour has been all the way to Manchester to inform the natives that—the only alternative to Tariff Reform is the Budget. Funny folk, these party leaders, aren't they?

Keir Hardie predicts that there will be no appreciable change in the state of parties after the election—and he hopes the Government will declare for female suffrage! The hope is a fair index to the value of the prophecy.

The Opposition are in luck. Portsmouth and Uxbridge will give them a good send-off for the General Election, and will act as a cold damper upon the Government's campaign. *They will both result in big Unionist victories.* Such is the irony of Party politics! What price the Civil War, then?

A few Budget newspaper headlines:—*Daily Express:* "The People to decide." *Daily Chronicle:* "Lord Lansdowne declares war on the Commons and the People." *Daily Mail:* "Appeal to the People." *Daily News:* "The Lords declare war." *Daily Telegraph:* "Country to judge." *The Star:* "Civil war is declared." You pay your copper, and take your choice.

We do wish the parsons would stick to their work and leave politics alone—especially the politics of finance, of which, necessarily, they understand nothing. The *Daily News*, in its first outburst against the Lords, gave the place of honour in the "views of public men" to dear old Dr. Clifford, who, we will wager, couldn't tell you the difference between the Old and the New Sinking Funds to save his life. And in a Northampton paper we read that the title of the sermon at a Primitive Methodist Church, by the Rev. F. W. Brett, was "Will the Lords drown the Budget in a Beer Barrel?" Perhaps our reverend brother will take "Ungotten Minerals" for his text next Sunday.

An esteemed French correspondent says:—The true story of the Steinheil case is probably as follows: Madame Steinheil was the intimate friend of President Felix Faure, and she obtained important information and documents relating to the Dreyfus case. Her husband discovered the documents, and was on the point of making them public. The members of a great political party in France determined to stop this, and emissaries in disguise visited Steinheil at dead of night to obtain the papers and impose silence. They took the papers away, but did not obtain satisfactory assurances from Steinheil and, therefore, thought it more prudent to strangle him. Madame Japy and Madame Steinheil would have screamed for assistance, so they were gagged and bound. Madame Japy died through swallowing her false teeth. If the authorities in France really desired to find the murderers, they would have no difficulty in doing so.

We understand that the trustees of the Salford Civic League of Help have taken exception to our recent criticism of their balance-sheet. It is pointed out to us that the object of the League is to organise relief through existing charitable agencies, and not to render it direct. We gladly give publicity to this statement.

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MRS. LUGSDIN,
and her son Robert.

I must say thank God for Old Age Pensions.

Winston was very quick off the mark. But there was just an undercurrent of incongruity in the rejected of Manchester appealing to Lancashire.

A Salisbury reader tells us that a local engine-driver having recently died, every driver and fireman at the L. & S.W. Railway locomotive shed has received a letter, a copy of which is before us, from the Superintendent of the Railway Mission, from which we take the following choice extracts :—

I am sure you will be deeply grieved that another of your "mates" (Driver Beck) has passed away, leaving many to mourn his loss.

I come from his death-bed to ask you—who knew him so well, and are yet spared to—*stop* for one moment—in the midst of the rush in which you live—to *consider well* as in the very presence of God and Eternity, and put to yourself this question :—

"If it had been me where should I now be?"

We greatly rejoice that some will be able to write :—"In Heaven, with Christ." While others . . .!

Praying your own *one life* may be lived as you will wish *when you have been dead five minutes.*

We can believe our correspondent when he says that the letter "has caused a great deal of indignation among the men and is regarded as an insult."

Here is an advertisement which is appearing in a "sale and exchange" paper : "Retired Christian gentleman grants loans privately (Scotland)." Some of our readers may know something of that Christian (and Scotch) gentleman. Wonder if he preaches the gospel according to Hebrews ?

Sir Melvill Beachcroft, the Moderate Chairman of the L.C.C., obviously had his tongue in his cheek when in his speech to members the other day he deprecated party spirit in the Council's affairs. He has himself played the party game for all it is worth, but as he is retiring at the next election, he no doubt feels himself at liberty to recommend a virtue though he has it not. It is nevertheless lamentable that the management and control of our cities and towns should be made a shuttlecock for the battledores of rival politicians, and that almost everything done or proposed in municipal affairs by one party should be cursed in campaigns of mendacity, and attacked in conspiracies of opposition by the other. It is well within the facts to say that the political partisanship which is a feature of our city and Borough Council elections costs the ratepayers hundreds of thousands of pounds a year. Some day they will realise this fact. In the meantime they must pay, pay, pay.

By the way, if the ratepayers of Dover and their representatives in the Town Council can stand the "draft Standing Orders" printed by goodness knows whose authority, and paid for (presumably) out of the town's purse, they can stand anything. There are no fewer than 111 of them, covering sixteen foolscap pages. This stupendous document has been mysteriously distributed among members of the Council, apparently so that they may read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them until such time as somebody at present unknown rises to propose their adoption. It may be doubted whether anybody ever concocted a more remarkable set of rules. They do something more than bind the members hand and foot; they suffocate and strangle them. If they are adopted, members of the Council will only be able to speak with the hands of the chairman, the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, gripping their throats. By means of them the majority will be able to gag the minority at any moment which suits them. The whole of the town's business will pass into the hands of secret committees, and practically the ratepayers will be deprived of the check of publicity. The place for these "orders" is the waste-paper basket.

There is commotion in the higher circles. Lady St. Helier makes use of the advertising columns of a contemporary to say she "will be much obliged if the lady who took by mistake a large Japanese fox muff and stole from the meeting at her house yesterday afternoon will be so kind as to return it to her at 52, Portman Place, W." It seems to be a serious case of kleptomania, so that if the afflicted lady will entrust the mission of returning the furs to her doctor or solicitor, her attendance at the Police Court will be considered unnecessary, and she will not be searched for silver tea-spoons.

A Stoke Newington reader tells us that he went to the Public Library there and asked for a book entitled "Conjugal Love," which appeared in the catalogue. The librarian told him that he could not borrow it unless for "legitimate study." But what is "legitimate study"? We really must ask the librarian for a definition of illegitimate study. It was certainly a high-handed act on his part to refuse a book to a married man who has resided fourteen years in the place because he could not prove that he required it for "legitimate study." If the book is not fit reading for the frequenters of the library, why keep it there at all? Perhaps the librarian wants to keep it to himself.

The Spanish Red Cross Society has issued an appeal from its London offices for £1 subscriptions in aid of the sick and wounded soldiers in Morocco. No doubt Spaniards in London will be glad to have the opportunity of subscribing, but we recommend British people to find an object nearer home for the exercise of their philanthropy. Hundreds of British soldiers who have fought and bled for their country find it difficult to support existence. They would be quite thankful for a few stray coppers.

It appears that the Nottingham Ruridecanal Conference has been troubling its soul about the morality of raising Church funds by means of whist drives and dances. This is an old, old pother among the parsons, and further than saying that we hope they will get it settled this side o' Jordan, we shall not trouble ourselves with it. What arrests our attention, however, is the statement of a Mr. Ivens that "whist drives were destroying the power of the English people to work. They could not get people to do an honest day's work because they were always thinking about what whist drive they should go to, or what football match they should attend." This comes into the category of "clotted nonsense." Even a Ruridecanal Conference might have credit given to it for a modicum of sense.

In prosecuting their late rate collector, Jarvis, it cannot be said that the Southampton Corporation went out of their way to press the case against him. In fact, they let him down as lightly as possible. However it began, whether as muddle or criminality, there is little doubt that Jarvis falsified his books for twenty years, and but for one of those accidents which the moralists tell us are "bound to happen" in such cases, he might have been falsifying them yet. The amount short on the accounts when the examination took place was some £1,200. By realising the equity of his house, Jarvis reduced the sum, and the Corporation realised £600 on a fidelity guarantee, so that in fact the loss of the ratepayers is only about £300 or £400. He pleaded guilty, and Mr. Justice Phillimore, taking a lenient view, sentenced him to a nominal punishment of six weeks in the second division. Per contrast, his lordship sentenced a groom to four months' hard labour at the same assizes for snatching fivepence from a public-house till. But then his lordship's moral distinctions are always subtle. Hence their name—Phillimorality.

Probably hundreds of people summoned for not paying their poor rates are as little able to pay them as was the man summoned at Willesden the other day. Beaten and broken in the hard struggle for existence, he handed in a letter which his wife had written to the magistrates. "Poor rates!" it began. "Why, there can be none poorer than we are, and if you take my husband away I don't know what will become of me and the children." And then she went on to tell the tragedy of her home. A few months ago her eight-months'-old baby had died of starvation, and at night the parish undertaker called for its little body and "placed it roughly in a handbag with the body of another child." She had another baby now, and this too was "dying for want of nourishment." Lest it should be thought that the statements were overdrawn for a purpose, we may add that the Clerk of the Court caused the story to be investigated and found it to be "perfectly true." Clearly, there was no poor rate to be got out of that house of poverty and woe. There was nothing for it but mercy put into legal technicality, and the husband, "weeping bitterly," was sentenced to one day's imprisonment and—immediately released. Then Mr. J. J. Hanbury, the sitting magistrate, had a still happier thought, for he asked the Court missionary to call on the family. We hope he took something more than "spiritual comfort" with him.

We note that Bristol is being invited by tract and handbill to "come and hear what Mormonism is," at the "Semi-annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints." This, of course, is the old polygamous Mormon body, and not the non-polygamous "Reorganised Church," at work in some other parts of the country. It seems that "President Charles W. Penrose, of the European Mission, and other members from Utah" will address the meeting, and probably these gentlemen will tell their audience that plurality of wives is an abandoned institution. Well, we don't know sufficient of Brother Penrose and his friends to say how many wives they have in Utah, but if they are in Europe for a shipping order of women and girls, Bristol will be wise not to take the risks of contributing to the population. It may be a holy place now. On the other hand, it may be an "Abode of Love," with a Pigott in every other house.

We do not approve of the methods of the militant Suffragettes, but we agree that the sentences passed upon some of them—we refer to the harmless section—compare unfavourably with that recently meted out to a member of the Bradford City Council, who was found guilty of a criminal outrage upon a fifteen-year-old servant girl—and got fourteen days in the first division!

The Dewsland Petty Sessional magistrates deal with poachers like all their kind. Three men were found on a Sunday night on land at Aberbach, in Wales. They had netting with them, three hundred yards of it, in fact, and their haul was two rabbits. Nearly the whole of the bench considering these horrific facts were landowners in the vicinity, and having regarded the netting, the rabbits, and the interests of the Throne, the Altar, the Constitution and the land in which we live, they sentenced each of the men to two months' hard labour, with heavy monetary sureties to be found afterwards, or in default a further term of six months. In future the men had better leave the sacred rabbits of Aberbach to their wild career. They will find it much cheaper to half murder their grandmothers.

A week or two ago somebody was powerfully accusing somebody else of libelling, in our columns, the Scotch people, the accuser being reminded that the English journalist always gets passed over to him at the beginning of his career the touching story of the Scot who had no sooner arrived in London than "bang went saxpence." "This deponent therefore refuseth," says a correspondent, "to say one word on the well-known generosity of the Scotch. He would, however, respectfully inform the Editor that, according to a Dundee paper of recent date, a man found a pocket-book, heavily-mounted, containing £600, in one of the streets of that marmaladian city, spent considerable time in trying to find the owner, hunted him down from a hotel to a house outside the city, was there hurriedly inspected on the doorstep, told that the gentleman was not at home, and had the door practically shut in his face. Tired, he left the £600 with the police, who presently discovered the owner, and restored to him the money; and one fine morning the man of honour and honesty was astonished, and not a little amused, to receive the handsome reward of two shillings for his trouble. Now, Mr. Editor, what is the John Bull League going to do about that?" It is going to occupy a position of benevolent neutrality and thoughtful silence.

Apropos the Brewers' Exhibition, our beloved contemporary, *The Christian*, says, after referring to the vats, and malt tubs and other emblems of the trade, "But where was the *finished article*—

> the drunkard with his bloated face, the drunkard's wife in her rags and wounds, and the drunkard's child, pale and thin, and half-starved? At exhibitions we should have the whole thing. It is all very well to gaze upon the machinery which the brewers employ, but how about the men and women which (*sic*) they produce?"

Now, we seem to remember that there was recently a Missionary Exhibition. Where was "the *finished article*" on that occasion? Where was the lady from China, and the cunning Trader and the highly-paid Secretary and the Collector—yes, and the aggressive and swollen-headed native?

We understand that both the Mayor and Sheriff of Newcastle have decided to exclude alcoholic liquor from their banquets—a fact which makes the Rev. Stanley Parker declare that he "is proud to belong to Newcastle." On the other hand, we fancy Newcastle must be proud that it doesn't belong to the Rev. Stanley Parker.

Passengers on the tramcars in parson-ridden Bournemouth are, by notice inside the cars, "requested to have their fares ready and to tender the *exact amount* as nearly as possible." There has been a heavy run on our biscuit-tin this week, otherwise we should have been delighted to send the tramway manager a small supply of our renowned nutrient.

Ladies and gentlemen who rejoice in a cooling draught of ale will be glad to learn that the "Association of Brewers Trading in London" have decided to reduce the price of that popular beverage by one halfpenny the glass, as, according to the Chairman of Barclay, Perkins and Co., it does not seem probable that the increased duties under the Budget will now come into force. For the time being, at any rate, this gentleman seems to have gauged the political situation to a ha'porth. So the consumer gets the ha'porth.

Though times are hard, it looks as though a few of us did manage to put by a bit for a rainy day. For instance, the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies reports that there are now no fewer than 15,406 certified and Post Office savings banks, with 12,536,895 depositors owning total deposits of £245,628,634. Now, why doesn't the Government buy *Dreadnoughts* with it—leaving posterity to pay it back?

A strange story reaches us about the Grand Jury at the Central Criminal Court on the day of the King of Portugal's visit to the City. A man had been indicted, on his own confession, and on overwhelming evidence, of a foul assault on a wretched woman. He was a person of evil antecedents, and the circumstances of this, his latest, offence were peculiarly revolting. But the Grand Jury "went out" to witness the procession—and when they came back, their minds were so full—of human benevolence—that they threw out the Bill. What says the Lord Mayor?

Will the divisional officer of Coastguards at Hull tell us what he has done, or whether he has done anything, to smarten up his men at Barton-on-Humber? We don't forget what happened to the lad Russell there not long ago. While this boy, ten years of age, was drowning in eight feet of water a hundred yards in front of the coastguard station, they watched quietly, then they leisurely began to unload their boat of its impediments, got it out, went back for rowlocks, carefully settled their leader in his steering position, and generally acted as if they had been called out to rescue a shipwrecked crew in the middle of the North Sea. Of course, the child had gone down before they were ready. They never made the slightest effort to find him, simply waiting about till the tide went down. The distracted mother, a widow with three young children, has since been unable to work for their support, we are told, and she seems to think that the coastguards' lack of promptness in endeavouring to save her boy entitles her to some pecuniary assistance from them. Deeply as we sympathise with her, we do not see what claim she has upon the Service, but if there should be any of our readers desirous of assisting her, we shall be glad to make ourselves the medium of their benevolence.

Despite his extravagances, it is to be hoped that Dr. Stephen Paget will rouse the younger medical men of this country to more energetic study of the relations between mind and matter. It is no good pooh-poohing the Christian Scientist "cures" any more than those at Lourdes; they exist, of that there is no manner of doubt. But they are—at least, the well-authenticated mostly are—functional disorder cases, not cases of organic disease. Unless we are to have a wholesale revival of superstition, as a result of such "cures," our medical men must recognise the grain of truth in these "mental healings," and show up the bunkum.

There was nothing very exciting about the Birthday Honours, except that they provide the usual winter game which consists of an effort to identify the recipients. But wait for the New Year's list!

Here is a story which reaches us from Oxford. A Mr. Paul, chief clerk in the telegraph office at the G.W.R. station, died of cancer after several months' illness. Before his death he expressed a wish to be buried in his native town of Bristol, and arrangements were made to that end. His widow, knowing that the dead man's many friends would like to pay their last respects to his memory in the place where he was perhaps better known, approached the Vicar of St. Friedeswide with a view to the first part of the service taking place in his church. Though her husband had attended St. Friedeswide's, the vicar not only refused the widow's request, but refused even to toll the bell, on the ground of his appalling discovery that his late parishioner was—unconfirmed. Evidently the rev. gentleman is a bigot, and from a bigot only bigotry is to be expected, even at the gates of death.

The Tite Barnacles and the Circumlocution Office are as hard at it as ever, although it is a long while now since Dickens showed them up. One of the Paddington elementary schools needed a single new desk recently. Application was made accordingly. The request was passed along "in due course" through the usual army of useless pen-pushers and time-wasters until it reached the L.C.C. Education Committee Stores Department. "Plans and drawings were got out and tenders invited;" the specifications, advertisements, etc., costing £10. So at last the desk was bought—at a cost of 15s.—and placed in the school. That's the way the money goes! Oh, for that Business Government!

Several Bedford readers call our attention to the strange case of one Francis Bracey, charged at the local police court with obstructing the free passage of the Midland Railway Bridge, Ford End Road, and fined 15s., or 14 days. A detective said he "saw prisoner standing on the bridge reading a paper. He stayed there for twenty minutes. Witness then went up to him and said he should report him." Mr. Bracey was described in the charge sheet as of "no fixed abode." It looks as though he wanted one. But why in the world should Messrs. R. Hill and T. Bull, Justices of the Peace, oblige him with one at the ratepayers' expense on so trumpery a charge? We should have expected rather more sense from a gentleman bearing the honoured name of Bull.

Mr. Chiozza Money, M.P., has been getting into trouble with the *Purley, Caterham, and Oxted Gazette*. Ever since Joseph went into the wilderness to preach Fiscal Reform, Mr. Money has been Statistical Interpreter-in-Chief to the Free Traders, and why he hasn't appeared in the Birthday Lists is one of those things which require explaining. There is a tradition in Parliamentary circles that before he starts a meal he always devours a Blue Book as a *hors d'œuvre*. Consider, therefore, the shocking revelation—which is that six months ago Mr. Money, Free Trade economist, statistician, and invincible commentator, offered by circular to provincial papers a syndicated letter attacking Tariff Reform for—seven-and-six a time! This has sent the Purley-Caterham-Oxted man into a purple rage. But the letter was very cheap; we have no doubt it was very good; and we guarantee it was honest. Surely a professional journalist may sell his honest professional work wherever he can find his market? Perhaps it was a mistake to send out the circular on House of Commons notepaper, but, after all, Mr. Money is entitled to *something* in return for the time he gives to the House.

According to the advertising columns of the *Kent Messenger*, there is "A House to let; The Elms, Lon- Sovereigns, maidens, 3s. 6d. per 1,000—semi-detached." *Police! Police!*

What is being done about the Fund for the victims of the *Tiger* disaster, which occurred some eighteen months ago, when about twenty lads lost their lives? We believe that between £6,000 and £7,000 was realised by public subscription. Has the whole of the money been distributed and has a balance-sheet been published? And is it a fact that certain claims have been entirely ignored? Perhaps the Mayor of Portsmouth will enlighten us.

Mr. Hilaire Belloc, M.P., has been making a speech at Edinburgh in defence of the judicial murder of Señor Ferrer, but his arguments were not very convincing. "Nobody knew," he said, "what was in the man's mind during the revolt." In that case, why kill him? "Was he, by chance, among those crowds, and being of ardent anti-monarchical temper, did he go about talking?" He was not at all an agitator; in fact, he had a quiet, retiring disposition. But even if he had "gone about talking," that is not necessarily a crime. "At any rate, they had the sworn evidence that everybody thought of him as the leader of the rebellion." Apart from the fact that that would be carrying hearsay evidence to a ridiculous extreme, perhaps Mr. Belloc will tell us where he gets that "evidence" from. He had better send to Watts and Co., of 17, Johnson's Court, Fleet Street, for their little sixpenny book.

The following advertisement, from the *Evening News*, strikes us as somewhat ambiguous:—

> A Man filled with the Spirit, also power from on high, wants engaging as a missioner.

We hope that the spirit in question is not too potent. Someone suggests that the gentleman is probably an aviator. At any rate, he appears to have a very good opinion of himself.

A young John Bullite recently applied for membership of a local football club, and this is the form he was requested to fill up: "Are you confirmed? If not, do you intend to be? Are you a member of the Church of England?" No wonder we are being left behind by other nations, even in the matter of sport!

We sometimes criticise his Honour Judge Emden, of the Lambeth County Court—and we now have pleasure in calling attention to the County Court Charitable Fund, which he has established for the purpose of relieving those whose poverty is discovered during proceedings in his Court, or on the enforcement of Orders for execution or otherwise. If every other County Court Judge would follow this example, many a human tragedy would be avoided.

Miss Marie Lloyd has written the story of her life. "I've told them all about everything," says Marie. The book should sell.

THE JOHN BULL LEAGUE HAS ITS EYE ON—

MODERN STAG "HUNTING."

"John Bull's" Biscuits.

NOTE.—No more biscuits for births, deaths, or marriages, which creep into the wrong column. Much too gruesome to be funny!

OLD WOMEN.—Rise in rents are unemployment, etc., decided too serious subjects to "old women of both sexes." Theatre critics, please note.

WEDDINGS.—No biscuits for bridegrooms wearing pale grey hats and crepe de chine. Why shouldn't they?

For replying to a correspondent: "The MAYOR *is receiving attention,"*

THE NORTHERN DAILY MAIL
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For stating during the recent municipal election that "No politics enter the Council Chamber, but every man returned must STAND *on his own* BOTTOM,"

COUNCILLOR LITTER, OF SALFORD,
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For wishing that "the schools of the present day, which taught EVERYTHING, *would teach* ONE THING MORE,"

MR. JUSTICE LAWRANCE
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

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*For the following: "Wanted, a General—*THREE *legs,"*

AN ADVERTISER IN *THE YORKSHIRE EVENING POST*
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For affirming that "the new President of Brooklyn is well known for honesty and uprightness, THOUGH HE HAS HAD NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE,"

THE DAILY CHRONICLE
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For reporting that "Bodie angrily stamped his patent leather FOOT,"

THE MORNING LEADER
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For stating that "there were six INCHES *of* FROST *in bed,"*

THE GLOBE
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For stating that "the LAW OF BIGAMY *is not tolerated in England,"*

LADY TROUBRIDGE
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For stating that "their HEARTS *were often moved to tears,"*

MR. JUSTICE JELF
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For stating that "Mme. Steinheil's rich BROWN *hair was* COLOURLESS,"

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For referring to the Australian Sandow Girls as "two prepossessing and beautifully-developed types of MANHOOD."

THE CORK CONSTITUTION
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For asserting that "Members held EACH OTHER'S *sides,"*

THE DAILY SKETCH
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For announcing that: "TWENTY-FIVE *Christmas Hampers will be awarded to the* TWENTY FATHERS *who have been out of work for the longest period of the year,"*

TIT-BITS
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For stating that the "daughter of a WIDOW *superintends household affairs for her* FATHER,"

THE WESTERN TIMES
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For reporting that: "In addition to the medal awarded, he was given the ball with which on the occasion of one match he took TWO WICKETS *for twenty-four runs* INCLUDING THE HAT TRICK,"

THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

W. T. STEAD AND "JULIA" EXPOSED.—II.

A BAREFACED FRAUD, RUN IN THE NAME OF RELIGION—AND CALCULATED TO IMPOSE UPON THE CREDULITY OF GRIEF-STRICKEN AND OVER-WROUGHT PERSONS.

How a JOHN BULL *Correspondent, passing himself off as a medical man, had communication with his father and some of his deceased patients!*

A SEANCE WITH THE "GLADSTONE" MEDIUM.

We broke off our narrative last week at the point where our Correspondent, after complying with various formalities, had arrived at the house of a guaranteed medium, who, having obtained the loan of his father's watch, and requested him not to cross his legs, "as it destroyed the current," was about to put him in touch with the "Beyond." Our correspondent now continues his story:—

The presence of the watch, she said, gave her sensations of discomfort to the heart. It is true that my father died of heart disease; but this point was somewhat discounted, because on getting no definite admission from me she proceeded to feel similar uncomfortable sensations in the left leg and in the pit of the stomach. She then described an elderly gentleman, who might very well have passed for my father, or a great number of other persons of my acquaintance, and declared that the name George echoed strangely in her brain. It is true that I had an uncle called George who also died of heart disease. Perhaps the best point in her favour was the fact that she guessed that my researches were connected with cancer. This, however, was of no great value, as I do not happen to be making any researches at all.

She then proceeded to speak in a slightly raised voice and with a broken accent indicative of no particular nationality, which accent she forgot from time to time to maintain, and announced that the medium was no longer speaking. At this stage a reproduction of question and answer will be convenient.

Q.—Of what nationality are you? A.—A North American Indian girl. I have known our medium for twenty years. My name is Sunshine, "*Me know many medicine mans.*"

Q.—Do you know anything of the experiments I am conducting? A.—Yes, you are to go on. They will be a success: they will be satisfactory.

Q.—Do you see any other spirits beside you? A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you see the spirit of one on whom I performed an operation? A.—Yes.

Q.—Is it a man or a woman?

(The answer was uncertain.)

Q.—Well, is it a person on whom I performed the operation? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did that person join your world in consequence of the operation? A. (very tragically).—No, no, you are not to torment your conscience with that thought.

Q.—Would the person have died in any case? A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you see many other spirits? A.—Yes.

Q.—Perhaps ten or twenty? A.—Yes, many spirits.

Q.—Have I performed operations upon those persons? A.—Yes, on some.

Q.—Let us say that this operation is a dangerous operation. May I continue to perform it with a view to bringing my researches to a successful conclusion? A. (with much gasping and agitation).—No, no, don't continue it. Give it up; give it up!

Here the control, "Sunshine," said there were so many spirits present that it was confusing, and advisable that we should no longer converse through our medium. The medium now began to use a different voice, and said she was a woman whom I had known in the flesh.

Q.—Do you remember a ward in the Liverpool Infirmary? A. (with much emotion).—Yes! My God! Yes!

Q. (cynically).—Do you remember any room near that ward? A.—Yes.

Q.—Can you recall anything about that room? A. (in broken accents).—Ah! My God! the table—the pain. But let us forget—let us forget.

Q.—Do you feel the pain. A.—Do not recall it—let us forget.

Q.—Is it in the breast? A.—(Repetitions of "My God!" and "Let us forget" and "Yes.")

Q.—Do you tell me that I must stop performing these operations?—The answer was an impassioned appeal to me to give it up.

Q.—But you said at the beginning I was to go on, and my researches would be satisfactory and successful. A. (with much hesitation).—Another way will be found along different lines.

Q.—Before you go; have you any recollection of my friend here, who is a barrister?

No answer was returned.

After some minutes the medium made a great show of returning to consciousness, and informed me that she had not the slightest idea of what she had been saying, or what spirits had spoken to her; that she completely lost herself on these occasions.

We then proceeded to converse on several other topics, in the course of which she used the words "when 'Sunshine' was speaking to-night," to which I replied, "Then you *do* know who was speaking?" Answer: "I knew that 'Sunshine' had said something."

Before we left she read the character of my friend, and informed him that he was accustomed to make up his mind quickly and decisively, which would be very useful to him in his *profession as a barrister*. She had only heard, of course, that he was a barrister at the time when she said she was absolutely unconscious of our questions; in fact, he is not a barrister.

And *yet the name of this clumsy impostor was given to me as one of the four most satisfactory mediums on the list, and one of those who had been employed, trusted, and recommended by Mr. Stead and those in the Bureau.*

A SEANCE WITH THE "GLADSTONE" MEDIUM.

The next morning I went again to the Bureau and found Mr. King, the "Gladstone" medium, established in the office, dealing with a voluminous correspondence and a number of applications. He arranged to give me a private *stance*, of course knowing nothing about my *stance* with the other medium. He hoped to get good results in the course of a quiet sitting, but said it was a great strain on his "Pineal gland," which is that part of his brain that sees and hears the spiritual world. I promised to wire a definite appointment, and subsequently did so, fixing it at my friend's temporary address. In reply to this the following note was received:—

Your wire to hand. All being well, I hope to be with you on Monday at nine o'clock. By the way, would you care to have the sitting *here?* The room is very quiet and calm, and I am used to its conditions. I merely suggest this, as we may get better results if I sit in my own surroundings.

THE NATURE AND CURE OF CANCER!

I called accordingly on Monday evening, November 8th, at the rooms of this medium, who was, as we were informed by the officials of "Julia's Bureau," the clairvoyant who conducted the Gladstone interview, and

whom we had previously seen at the Bureau. We had also been given to understand that he was constantly employed by doctors in Harley Street.

After a few minutes of general conversation (in the course of which I gave him to understand that I was conducting scientific researches into the cause and treatment of a certain disease, and that I desired to consult my deceased father, who was interested in the same work), he commenced the séance by asking for an object belonging to myself. I gave him a ring. He next asked for an object belonging to my father, and professed to feel certain suggestions, one of which was that these researches were connected with cancer. It is true that cancer was the subject we intended to ask him about. He also suggested that my father had died prematurely. My father died at the age of 62. He continued: "I do not see any form, but I am in contact with his thoughts; I am under an influence which I connect with the owner of the watch; it now comes to me in fragments. You are on the right track; but the causation is much more involved, and it will be difficult to consecutively knit up the various threads as—something about 'ramifications'—this is exceedingly complex—the nexus of the disease—('What is the meaning of nexus?')—lies in a small microscopical point of—('There is something about cellular tissue')—which ranges itself round lines of force proceeding from ultra-physical regions. ('These are messages, the source being the owner of the watch—I am getting it telepathically.')."

NOTE.—The comments of the medium are given in parentheses.

Q.—I want to know whether the owner of the watch still thinks it wrong in the case of cancer of the breast to dissect the axillary glands? A.—(This comes fairly clear.) No, I have had reason to change my opinion—(I am giving it exactly as it comes); (repeats)—since passing over.

NOTE.—My father thought it right—*not wrong*—to dissect the axillary glands in removing malignant cancer of the breast.

Q.—Should I be right in assuming that the cancer cell is due to the presence of an animal microbe—for instance, an unknown form of sporozoon? A.—(This is another voice speaking, not the owner of the watch.) The cause of the abnormal aggregation of proteid matter in the body of the cell itself is produced from finer—(it stops)—(repeats)—finer forces which form themselves through that which becomes the cancer cell. Their origin is not in the actual physical cell at all—(this comes very clearly—but takes place in a substance which I will, for the moment, call etheric).

Q.—Should I be right in saying that the instrument of such forces—the immediate physical cause—is an animal microbe? A.—The immediate physical cause is due to the activity of a small animal—(this comes very strongly)—organism which—(another phrase; I can't get it)—develops and propagates itself in the medium which the etheric force to which I referred—(it stopped; it is like switching off the electric light. This is very pronounced and reliable. It is so clear. I think it is *Huxley* himself. He says it is quite definite, it is an animal organism).

Q.—Might it be sporozoa? (He puts down the watch.) A.—Placed in front of me I see what looks like exceedingly fine hair-like substances. They look like small rods infinitely fine and they end in a pin's head. (He draws one out of scale as "it is better than a description.") It is the shadow of the organism. "This is an animal," says the clear voice speaking, "and it is the physical centre of cancer." These are spores; they are living things—(what are they trying to give me? good heavens!)—these things form the centre in the cancer cell which produces the morbid growth of the cell as such. It is animal, not vegetable.

Q.—Connected with this, why do cancerous patients secrete an excessive quantity of trypsin? A.—(I hear a dim voice—wait a moment.) Because the activity of the pancreas is increased by the passing through it of the products of the spores—(this is perfectly clear)—the word "products."

Q.—That results in an increased secretion of trypsin? A.—That is clear—perfectly clear.

NOTE.—Although there is some doubt what the cause of cancer may be, scientists are satisfied that it cannot be due to an *animal* organism, to an *animal* microbe. Cancerous patients, as a matter of fact, secrete less trypsin than healthy persons, and this is the reason why trypsin is sometimes given as a remedy.

After an interval of general conversation the *séance* was resumed.

The Medium: "This is all very well, but what about the cure?" says a voice.

Q.—Was I right to operate in a certain case? A.—In any case it would have ended fatally. Don't worry yourself about that. Why do you needlessly worry yourself? In this case there is no need for you to worry. (This comes clearly and pointedly.)

NOTE.—I have never performed any operations at all.

The Medium: What is the meaning of this, "Extirpation is no cure"? There is something coming: it is something like agrimony—decoction of agrimony. It is being said it has a strong septic influence on the spores this is not operative surgery—the extract from the root applied externally has a most beneficial reaction on the morbid cellular growth of true cancer—(I don't know why they put the word "true" in)—true cancer comprising a distinct car carcinoma—(a hard C—that's the word)—with sarcomic reaction.

Q.—I suppose you know nothing about cancer? A.—I know nothing about cancer. I didn't know you were coming up for this at all. It is a distinct growth; it cannot be confused with the allied group of tumorous cancer. An extract of agrimony taken internally will inhibit growth; applied externally will be of much service in restricting the area of the morbid tissue. (The voice says, "Have you got the word agrimony?")

NOTE.—Agrimony is a decoction of certain flowers. It is a well-known quack nostrum, and, of course, perfectly useless.

Q.—I wish to make certain statements about facts which are acknowledged, and after doing so to ask whether a certain conclusion may be drawn from them. Cancer is an abnormal proliferation of cells in an abnormal manner, *i.e.*, a manner differing from the usual normal methods of cell division and cell growth. Composite creatures like ourselves are composed of numbers of cells divided into different groups and having different functions; but originally derived from the union and fusion of two simple cells, male and female, by complex processes. My question is this: As each cell contains in itself the sexual characters of both sexes, may not the enormous proliferation of cells known as cancer be due to a disturbed sexual balance of the whole organism due to a lack of the essential products in certain juices. In the case of cancer in a man, would it produce a good result if the patient were treated with an ovarian extract; or, in the case of a female, would the case show an improvement if treated with an opposite extract?

NOTE.—While my statement about the proliferation of cells is scientifically correct, the treatment suggested is, of course, preposterous.

A.—(It isn't somebody ordinary speaking—it is a different feeling altogether. It says:) You are touching now upon a field of enormous magnitude and a field which has not been—(what on earth is the word?)—utilised in any way in modern times. The immense forces stored up, crystallised, in these fluids are of enormous importance in combatting these obscure fundamental diseases. (It's coming very slowly now.) It is true, and you have struck the truth, that in the case of cancer in the female organism an extract of the kind indicated would tend to restore the balance of force lacking in her cellular resisting powers. The same applies to the male on the reverse side, but great care must be exercised in the quantity and quality of the extract supplied. I tell you this, for I assure you that you have come into touch with not only the cure of this disorder, but you have touched the fundamental basis of all neurasthenic diseases. Now work along this line; it will yield results which will astonish you and be of enormous benefit to humanity. I use you underline "you"—as you are one who can be used in this way; follow this line of thought, as you have been placed on the pathway which will lead to an understanding of these things. Now I leave you and give my symbol; my name it matters not. I give you this symbol of a pentagram, and with it I get an Indian setting.

Q.—Before you go what about my method of inoculation? A.—He says two methods of inoculation—"yes," by or through the stomach.

Q.—Do you think this is reliable—that it is trustworthy? A.—I feel it is perfectly trustworthy myself. I get no nasty astral reaction. I feel it is true, but dangerous.

Q.—Should I be discouraged by any allusion to my work in a certain paper—you know (in a stage whisper) JOHN BULL? A.—Do not be discouraged; but exercise very great care, as you are working in English environments. *And take no notice of anything that paper, or its editor, may say.*

And then I took my leave of this palpable humbug.

OPEN LETTERS. POSTCARDS, AND TELEGRAM.

To Lord Swaythling, 12, Kensington Palace Gardens, London.

DEAR LORD SWAYTHLING,—I am delighted to see your protest, as a ratepayer of Kensington, against the use of the local Town Hall for a meeting held to promote the Parochial Mission to the Jews, not at all because I believe in closing public halls against citizens meeting for harmless, if useless, purposes, but because I hold with you that "the work of this, and similar societies, is most repugnant to broadminded Christians as well as to Jews." Sometimes I wonder why the Jews don't retaliate by starting a Society for the Promotion of Judaism among the Christians.

To my mind, one of the most extraordinary phases of this our mortal life is that every sect of every religion under the far-stretching dome of heaven—always excepting the Jews and the Chinese—has a society of some sort for converting every other sect of every other religion to its own, as if it held the only road to heaven. The Christians are no better qualified to save the souls of Jews than Jews are to save their own, and there appears to be no answer to the complaint that thousands of pounds a year are spent in this folly of turning a handful of bad Jews into worse Christians. I am bound to believe in the sincerity of the misguided contributories to this abortive and costly gamble in Jewish soul-saving, but I do think that if they looked about them they could find objects worthier of their benevolence. I am glad to have had the opportunity of addressing myself to your lordship, a distinguished Jew, whose philanthropies are not bounded by his race or religion.

JOHN BULL.

To Mr. Justice Darling, Royal Courts of Justice, London.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP,—Information has reached me of your self-sacrificing determination to sit half-an-hour later each day, to wit, until half-past four in the afternoon, in order to cope with the appalling arrears of cases awaiting trial in the King's Bench. But may I venture to suggest that if your lordship made fewer jokes in the course of business, you might, perhaps, squeeze in two or three extra cases a week, and rise half an hour earlier in the afternoon to wit, at half-past three?

JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. Thomas Hill, Rector of Little Canfield, Essex.

REVEREND SIR,—In a letter to your Bishop a fortnight ago, I had occasion to comment in severe terms on your refusal to publish the banns of marriage of a girl who is one of your parishioners unless she first confessed to you, though nobody knows better than you do that the Confessional is illegal in the State Church. I will not recapitulate the facts. Suffice it that the girl had to walk several miles to High Roding every Saturday night in order to sleep for two nights there with the object of qualifying for the publication of the banns by another vicar. This you forced on her by a monstrous act of ecclesiastical bigotry and intolerance, in which, as your parishioners well know, you are a past master. But even this has not satisfied you, sir. Unable to force her into your private Confessional, you have vindictively pursued her even to the altar of your brother cleric at High Roding, intimating that if he published the banns you would publicly allege an impediment on the ground that week-end visits to his parish were not a legal qualification, and you would bring him into the Ecclesiastical Courts if he neglected your warning. The vicar of High Roding seems to be a peaceful man. He is not anxious for notoriety of any kind, and though he has withdrawn the banns he has made arrangements for the girl to live in his parish for the requisite fifteen days, after which, say what you will and do what you will, he will celebrate the marriage. Shame upon you, Sir!

JOHN BULL.

To J. N. Hare, Esq., J.P., Mayor of Arundel,

DEAR MR. MAYOR,—My hearty congratulations upon the strong commonsense element you have introduced on the Arundel Bench, by dissociating yourself from the vindictive fines so frequently imposed upon motorists for a purely technical breach of the speed limit regulation, and expressing the opinion that summonses should in future be issued only for driving to the common danger. I notice that you acted upon a similar principle when sitting on the Borough Bench. If all magistrates were equally level-headed and broadminded, there would be no necessity for the John Bull League to keep its eye upon them. I congratulate Arundel.

JOHN BULL.

To Dr. Freyberger, Medical Analyst, London.

DEAR DOC.,—I note that, during an inquest on a Battersea baker, you casually mentioned that the stomach wasn't a vital organ, and that we could all get along very well without one. I daresay you are right. The vital parts of a man don't take up much room, really. Nobody needs his large intestine, his vermiform appendix is a dangerous nuisance, and he hasn't any particular use for his uvula. He can live without his eyes, his ears, or his nose; he can spare his hair, his teeth, and his gullet; at a pinch he can do without his arms or his legs; and I have heard it alleged that he can enjoy himself on half a lung. So you see, my dear Freyberger, that if we were to let ourselves be carved up till nothing remained of us, except the "vitals," we should have to alter the fashions. Better interfere with the anatomical and physiological arrangements of Providence as little as possible, don't you think?

JOHN BULL.

To Sheriff Thompson, Hamilton, Lanark, N.B.

MY DEAR SHERIFF,—I write to inform you that all Lanarkshire has been on the grin, lest you should not have happened to notice it. It has been grinning at you. Never, surely, was a Scottish magistrate taken more neatly on the hip than were you, when you fined that lad of 15 one penny for poaching, with the addition of £1 10s. 6d. for costs. The poaching wasn't dear, I admit, even if it only ran to rabbits; but the one—ten—six—how did you expect the nefarious nipper to pay that? No doubt you had visions of his dad coming to the rescue. But Craig M'Intyre, the advocate, had you there, my dear friend. He promptly tendered you twopence—a penny for the poach and a penny for the expenses of the prosecution, and you had to take it, because the Children Act of 1908 says that where a young person is ordered to pay costs in addition to a fine, the amount of the costs must not exceed the amount of the fine. Now that you have recovered from your consternation, I don't doubt you will admit that you could not have got so valuable a law lesson in any centre of legal learning for twice the money. *Entre nous*, can't you arrange with the canny M'Intyre to take you as a private pupil during the long winter evenings?

JOHN BULL.

To the Governors, Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea.

GENTLEMEN,—I trust that after the painful revelations at the recent inquest on the four-months-old child named Ison, who died in your hospital, you will take all the means in your power to prevent the occurrence of a similar fatality in the future. It is evident that the nurses or, at any rate some of them, construe their obligations rather lightly. One of them went off duty at 8 o'clock in the evening, and reported to her successor that the children in the ward were all right. Receiving that report, the incoming nurse took what she was told for granted, and did not look at this little mite in his cot. The baby should have been fed at 10 o'clock; the nurse did not feed him because she thought he was asleep, but did not know for certain. At 12 o'clock the child should have been fed again. She did not commence to prepare his food till 12.30, assuming he was asleep at 12 o'clock, "because he did not cry," though she did not look into the cot. At 12.30 a.m., a probationary nurse came to relieve her, so she did not stay to give the baby his food, but handed on the duty to the probationer. She then left the ward, and a little while afterwards, the relieving nurse, going to the cot with the food, found the baby turned over, with his little face pressed on the pillow, dead—suffocated. Gentlemen, the verdict of the jury was "Accidental death." But, obviously, it was accidental death occasioned by carelessness, indifference, and neglect—fostered by a loose and inefficient system of inspection. As the doctor told the jury, an inspection might have had one of two results—either the suffocation of the child might have been avoided, or his condition might have been discovered in time for his life to be restored by artificial respiration. I have a high opinion of our English nurses. But here they seem to have been relieved one after the other in the most slip-shod manner. The child had been dead for an hour-and-a-half when the doctor saw him, and one can imagine how he had gasped out his little frail life under his coverlet while the nurses were passing on their duties to one another. You have the facts before you, and you will, I hope, realise your responsibilities.

JOHN BULL.

Rev. Evan Edwards, Torquay.

Note that you have reached the 94th year of your age, and have preached your 7,900th sermon. Good Evan!

BULL.

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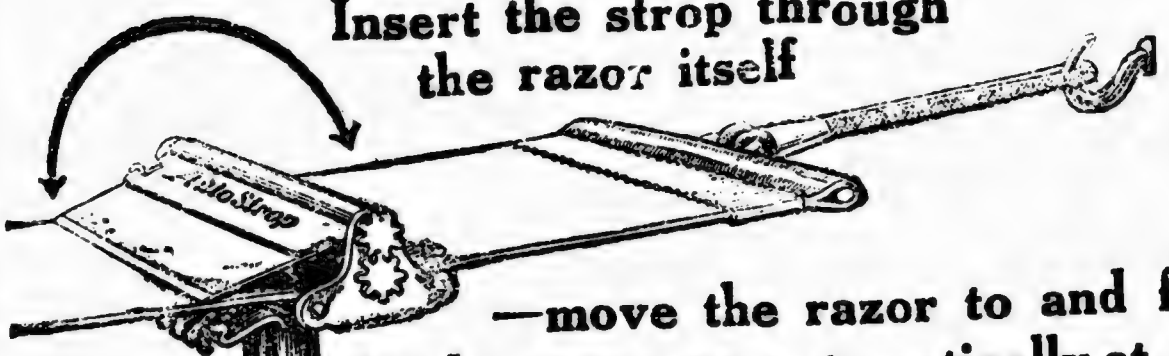

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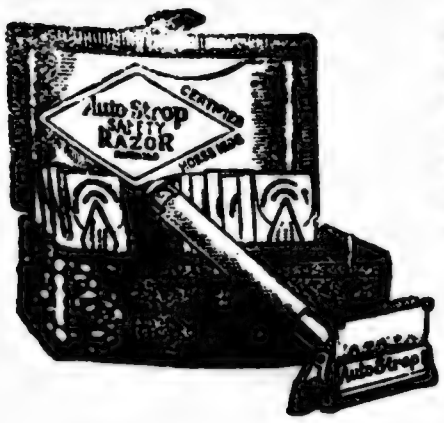

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WHAT "SISTER RUTH" THINKS OF HIM.

Precise evidence is rapidly accumulating as to Pigott's hideous practices in the Spaxton "Abode of Lust." But recognising the gravity of the charges made, we feel it necessary to sift each item of our indictment with the greatest possible care, and to this end any statement or testimony relating to Pigott that cannot be fully corroborated has been rejected. This, necessarily, involves much patient labour, but in our issue of next week we shall publish further particulars of our indictment of the head of the Agapemone, which will make the public marvel that this den of infamy has been permitted to pollute the land so long.

Sister Ruth's Own Story.

We have always recognised in our efforts to stamp out this Somerset den of licentiousness, that the chief need was to obtain the evidence of those who have actually been inmates of the "Abode" and had personal knowledge of Pigott in his *rôle* of self-acclaimed "Messiah." This has been a task of difficulty, but it has been accomplished. We have even obtained personal testimony from one who, above all others, knows the unctuous scoundrel and his work. We refer to Miss Ruth Reece, who has achieved an unenviable notoriety as "Sister Ruth," the mother of Pigott's two illegitimate children, "Glory" and "Power." Few women of recent years have been more the sport of imaginative pens than this unhappy creature, who has been successively duped, fooled, and then tossed aside like a well-picked bone by the sultan of the Spaxton harem. Pictured in such glowing phrases as "a marvellously beautiful young lady," "a divine creature with a wealth of golden hair," etc., reality finds Miss Ruth Reece now a woman of forty years, with a plain, unattractive face, wearing an habitually sad expression, and with dull brown hair fast turning grey. But she is exceptionally intelligent; and her account of what she has suffered at the hands of the man who first betrayed her at Highgate, and afterwards lured her to a life of infamy at Spaxton, will make astounding reading.

Outline of our Indictment.

We are not inclined to be mealy-mouthed when dealing with a character like Pigott, who shelters himself in the cloak of Religion. Our efforts were successful in causing him to be turned out of the Established Church (almost all the evidence given against him at his ecclesiastical trial first appeared in John Bull), and we now present our indictment of his offences against the *law*.

1.—Offences against the Criminal Law Amendment Act, by violating the persons of females under the age of 16 years.

2.—Rape.

3.—That he has by fraud and misrepresentation secured the betrayal of others of his "converts," telling them that he was the Almighty and "that they could not sin."

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5.—That he has been guilty of "blasphemy" in the most aggravated form by testifying in writing and by word of mouth that he was Almighty God and should be worshipped as such.

It is a terrible indictment! And when we have made it, the next step will rest with the Public Prosecutor.

"SIR CHARLES FRISWELL."

HE "COULD DO WITH A LIFT."

By a Chauffeur.

Alas! that there should no longer be honour in a title. Alas! that it should be possible to purchase a knighthood as one would a house, or a dog, or a pound of pork sausages. I was moved to these thoughts as I glanced down the list of "Birthday Honours" in my newspaper the other morning. I could not help wondering what a knight of the good old days would have said had he had an opportunity of reading the list of those who, out of all this great nation, had been selected to bear his ancient and one-time splendid title "Sir."

It would be difficult to find a number of individuals who deserve recognition less. With the exception of some four or five, the remainder have done nothing to promote the welfare of their fellow beings, but the new knight that I am most concerned with is Sir Charles Friswell. For the life of me I cannot imagine why he has been selected to bear this blushing honour, as he has done absolutely nothing that in the remotest degree deserves this "lift," although we must all have noticed from his noted poster that he "could do with" one. He has certainly built up a large business in selling second-hand cars, but his firm bears no better reputation than any other carrying on the same business. It cannot surely have been imagined by those responsible for the list submitted to the King for knighthood that Mr. Charles Friswell is in any way whatsoever representative of the important motor industry.

The explanation given in my newspaper, and which is apparently the official one, seems to be that Mr. Charles Friswell lent several cars to take round the members of the Press Conference, and that he taught some of the out-of-work horse cabdrivers to drive taxis, free of charge. In good sooth these are gallant deeds. Why, everyone knows that both these were excellent advertising schemes, and that they must have paid Messrs. Friswell well. There was scarcely a newspaper at the time that had not some reference to "the fleet of cars lent to the Press Delegates by Mr. Charles Friswell," including numerous photographs in every illustrated journal. Besides these "puffs," each car had "6-cylinder Standard" painted in large letters on the doors. In fact, so obvious was the advertisement, that I often wondered whether the gentlemen riding in the cars cared about being associated with it.

If it had been desired to recognise the motor industry by knighting a prominent man, Friswell was not the man to choose. No one can deny that this new trade, which already gives employment to hundreds of thousands of British workmen, does deserve recognition as much as the stage or grocery and provision business, but as I have said before, Mr. Friswell does not represent us. His business is associated with the sale of second-hand cars, and though his firm now act as the sole selling agents of a new car, the fact remains that they stand in the same relation to a manufacturer of cars as a second-hand clothes dealer does to a firm like Worth or Redfern.

There should have been no difficulty in choosing a representative man—half-a-dozen names come to mind. For instance, there is our great and only S. F. Edge, but as he has had quite sufficient publicity, it would, perhaps, be best to pass him over, or we might never hear the last of him. Plain Mr. S. F. Edge used to be in everything, but Sir S. F. Edge would be unbearable.

When they come to offer me a knighthood in a few years' time, I shall certainly ask, if things go on at the same rate, who else will be receiving this doubtful honour, for I should not care to find on the same list that Mr. Phlue Soote, who for many years swept the House of Commons' chimneys and forgot to send in the bill, was also to be entitled to prefix "Sir" to his name, and that Mr. Phat Carves, the footman at Buckingham Place, who frequently purchased cat's-meat for the Palace cat out of his savings, was also to be raised to the dizzy eminence of knighthood. The least I should then expect would be a peerage.

"STILL GROWING."

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One advantage of living on the borderland of madness is that one need never fear to confess sins and shortcomings. In fact, as you have observed, during the last three years, I have made you all my father and mother confessors. Nothing has been hid from you, however disgraceful, and the triviality of my sins has, no doubt, convinced you that I am a jolly good sort—compelled you to kiss my toe in effigy. You will observe how I represented myself as a kind of boon-companion, dissolute and thirsty if you like, but always ready to share my last sovereign with persons in need of liquid refreshment. You may also have noticed, running through my papers, an incessant glorification of courage. I wonder whether it has occurred to you that people who are always talking of courage are usually cowards, just as those who always parade virtue are frequently frail.

BURGLARS.

Now I am going to take you into my confidence once more and admit that while I am as brave as a lion when talking politics in a bar-parlour, or swearing through the telephone, or exploring jungles, full of wild beasts, I am not at all bold in the solitude of my bed-chamber on a moonless night. At one time I used to imagine that learned professors of burglary had special designs upon my plate. Now, however, that most of my plate has been entrusted to the care of a certain silversmith, there is no earthly reason why thieves should break through my mansion with any plausible expectation of remunerative theft. All the same, weird noises in the small hours are disconcerting to persons who possess an imagination. It is very easy, after your third bottle of whisky, to fancy footfalls on the stairs. I once whistled out of the window for policemen when I distinctly heard several intruders in the passage. But when the police came, lo! the burglars were not, and I had to compensate the force with coins and wine of the realm.

THE GHOSTLINESS OF TRAINS.

At another time, I lived within a few yards of a railway station, and the various processes of shunting, and whistling, and getting up steam, or taking in water, or whatever else engines do, were exact replicas of night alarms. I could have sworn that people were opening the garden-gate, scaling the garden wall, poisoning the bull-dog, breaking the kitchen window, clanking chains. But after a time I became so used to strange noises that, even if a whole legion of robbers had made an invasion, I should merely have turned over in bed and cursed the trains. One night, however, in my library at the top of the house, I was aroused from reverie about the uncertainty of human life and the deceitfulness of riches, by violent thumps at my window. Evidently some soul or person in distress was begging piteously for admittance. Perhaps a tramp or recently discharged prisoner had borrowed a ladder and was seeking asylum. After fetching my revolver and my tomahawk and my best Spanish sword to provide for emergencies, I drew back the curtain and answered the appeal. In marched my cat, whose name is Albert Edward, purring at the top of his voice.

THE GENIALITY OF GHOSTS.

I confess I do not quite understand why most people are afraid of ghosts. If I met a ghost, I should want to enquire many things about the past and the present and the future. Surely, if we admit the existence of ghosts, we must admit that they return to earth with some benevolent object, or else with the idea of righting some wrong. It is very rarely that any psychical research reveals malevolence on the part of ghosts. I imagine that if I were suddenly confronted by a ghost who was anxious about the recovery of a will or the denunciation of a criminal or the relief of the innocent, I should desire to assist. At the same time, I should perhaps be entitled to impose my own conditions and ask for hints about buried treasure or the winner of the Lincolnshire Handicap in consideration of my services. If I hid under the bedclothes or ran out into the night, I should probably lose a golden opportunity of advancing my prospects.

CLAUSTROPHOBIA.

The fear of being in an enclosed place has always seemed to me far more reasonable, though I have never succeeded in ascertaining the precise origin of the superstition. If the enclosed place were a prison cell, guarded by vigilant warders, there might be some excuse for objection. But I cannot quite enter into the state of mind of the person who threw himself out of a railway-carriage because he suddenly remembered that it was an enclosed place. At the same time, I have always had a dread of suffocation. Even as a small boy, I used to dislike being thrown on the ground and having my chest sat upon. And now, I am often tempted to insert a clause in my will directing that my jugular vein shall be opened as a safeguard against being buried alive. It must be very horrid to wake up in a coffin in a vault and to know that screams are useless to be heard. At the same time, I imagine that the agony would not be unduly prolonged.

PATHOPHOBIA.

I have never myself suffered from the fear of being ill, but I have known many people afflicted in this way. By taking extreme care of their health they, undoubtedly, do prolong their lives, but I am not sure that their lives are worth living. Moreover, the habit of brooding over possible illnesses tends to attract them. There is a very ancient story about an epidemic and the Angel of Death confessing that only one per cent. of the victims had been carried off by plague, the other ninety-nine having succumbed to fear. I have had experience of panics in cholera, and believe that there is a great deal of truth in this idea. But, on the other hand, I noticed that, in every town I visited, the general tendency was to minimise the ravages of disease there and to exaggerate the dangers in other places. At Moscow, for instance, I was told that I could only go on to Nijni-Novgorod at the risk of my life; and when I reached the fair, hands were held up in wonder that I had escaped from Moscow alive. All the same, it is a notorious fact that, whenever doctors discover a new disease and some fashionable person suffers from it, it spreads with amazing rapidity. I look at appendicitis.

SENSELESS DREADS.

Triakaidekaphobia, the dread of number thirteen, and *Gephyrophobia*, the dread of going under ladders, belong rather to the category of superstitions than to that of nameless dreads. Indeed, I am not sure that they should not be numbered among the very few instances of reasonable fears. We are quite right to keep a stout lookout on our own courage is capable of assuring our safety, for the really brave man rarely runs unnecessary risks. I admit that there must be some valid reason for the belief that going under a ladder or involving the number thirteen is dangerous, and no advantage is gained by running counter to the idea, even though that idea be ridiculed as a superstition. There are, undoubtedly, strange things which even our brilliant intellects are incapable of explaining. Let us, therefore, not attempt to argue about causes, but content ourselves with well-known facts. Otherwise, a cow would be perfectly justified in running into an express train, not knowing the motive power of the engine.

THE FEAR OF FEAR.

I am not sure about *Probophia*, the fear of fear. If we are always afraid of being afraid, our belligerency becomes almost unreal. It is certainly unnatural. But we should be able to train ourselves by constantly dwelling on the horrible humiliation of fear and keep our pecker up even in the most alarming situations. There is a good deal of truth in the observation of a certain character in fiction that what we say three times is true. The vain repetitions of the heathen have been derided, but persistent repetitions are useful in establishing a creed. Even whistling is said to have its uses at times when Probophia threatens.

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HUMAN DOCUMENT LXVI.

THE DYING SOLDIER CASE.

It will be remembered that in this Document we invited the practical sympathy of our readers on behalf of an ex-soldier dying rapidly from consumption. In response to our appeal, many readers have sent us remittances, which have been gratefully acknowledged by the person for whom they were intended, but our appeal has given rise to some discussion in Ireland owing to our reference to Lady Aberdeen. We said that this man's case was brought to the notice of the Countess, who has been very active in bringing home to the people of Ireland the horrors of consumption and how best to remedy them, but that after being informed that he was a Roman Catholic, nothing more was heard from Lady Aberdeen. We left the facts to speak for themselves. But we received from Dr. McGrath a communication, in which he writes :—

> The statements sent you in reference to an Army pensioner said to be suffering from tuberculosis, in Limerick, are absolutely without foundation so far as they adversely refer to Lady Aberdeen. Her Excellency wrote me on September 4th last, asking me to inquire into the case, and some time previously asked another friend in the locality to ascertain the regiment in which the man had served. Up to the present neither of us has been able to trace this person in Limerick, thus leaving Lady Aberdeen powerless to render any assistance in the matter.

We do not know what Dr. McGrath means by saying that our references to Lady Aberdeen were without foundation, since our statement was one of admitted fact. Nor do we understand what difficulty there could be in locating the man. But as to that a very eminent Dublin doctor has written to us to say that "owing to the difficulties in locating the poor man referred to, Lady Aberdeen wrote to another friend in Limerick, who, after some difficulty, has found the patient, who will now, of course, be further attended to." Again we are at a loss to understand the difficulty of locating the writer of the Document, seeing that, as pointed out by our contemporary, *Sinn Fein*, his case was under consideration by the hospital authorities of Chelsea, it was the subject of a discussion in the English Parliament, and he is in receipt of a pension from the British Government. Our own letters forwarding the remittances sent us by readers were received and acknowledged without delay by the ex-soldier, whose name we now give as Michael Bourke, of Carey's Road, Limerick.

THE GHOST OF A BUDGET;
OR, STEADY SPOOFING.

Oh! Julia, dearest Julia,
Come listen to my tale:
Your ways are oft peculiar,
A fact which I bewail.
But now I have a mission
To turn the uncouth critical,
And I've a faint suspicion
That its object is political.

So please commence your bluffing,
And I vow you'll never grudge it,
For we've got to add some stuffing
Just to bolster up the Budget.
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AMONG THE LAWYERS.

MORE JUDGES.

The recent utterances of the Lord Chief Justice at the Lord Mayor's dinner as to the need for more judges, has been followed by an intimation from Mr. Justice Darling, and a wail from Mr. Justice Jelf. Mr. Justice Darling has intimated that henceforth, and while arrears remain, *his* Court will sit an extra half-an-hour, *i.e.*, will not rise until 4.30, and Mr. Justice Jelf has been drawing a pathetic picture, if perhaps a little fanciful withal, of the tremendous work imposed upon judges, more especially upon Circuit, and how not only their comfort, but their health, is risked in consequence. As our readers know, we have always urged that a better arrangement of the legal work of the country, and a little more readiness on the part of judges to give a fair day's work for a full day's wage, would get rid of most of the existing difficulties. The establishment of the Court of Criminal Appeal has undoubtedly added to the arrears since the creation of the extra judge, which was intended to meet the additional demand upon the time of the Bench, has not quite preserved the previous equilibrium; but even now we cannot help thinking that the better arrangement, of which we have so often spoken, would meet the requirements of the country. And we are strengthened in this conviction by no less an authority than the Lord Chancellor himself. He suggests that the judges should sit for half-an-hour longer each day—beginning their work at 10 o'clock instead of 10.30. and that all the judges should sit on Saturdays, and not make it, as so many of them do at present, a holiday. Also that the Long Vacation should be shortened by a fortnight. Lord Loreburn reckons that these alterations would be equal to the services of three extra judges. If to these suggestions were added a redistribution of Circuit work, and extended jurisdiction to the County Courts, there can be no reasonable doubt that the present congestion of the Courts, which furnishes such legitimate ground of complaint to business men, would be removed.

THE LAW SOCIETY AND DISREPUTABLE SOLICITORS.

We have before us a circular in which a solicitor intimates that he attends a certain place every Tuesday and Thursday evening "to give advice on Divorce, Accident, Separation, Affiliation," and other cases. The correspondent who forwards us the circular tells us that he submitted it to one of the officials at the Law Society (which is supposed to look after the interests of the profession), but was informed that unless he could ascertain all particulars they would decline to consider the matter. It appears to our correspondent that the credit of the profession suffers frequently enough without being subjected to such an example as the one in question. We agree, and we can only add that the refusal of the Law Society to move in the matter seems to us to be difficult to defend.

LEGAL ANSWERS.

BILL OF SALE.—EDGAR.— The Bill of sale is not void.

REPAIRS TO HOUSE.—S. H. W.—We fear that you are bound to do the work referred to under your lease, though there is some doubt as to the floor. You should threaten to contest it and give in if compelled rather than go to law.

DIVORCE LAW.—DREADNOUGHT.—The man can apply for a divorce if he can explain the delay satisfactorily.

MARRIAGE.—C. G. T.—A girl is not of age till she is 21, and she cannot marry without the consent of her parents unless she or her intended husband makes a false statement to the registrar, for which a penalty may be imposed. A marriage once made is valid even though there may have been a false statement to get the registrar to act.

CREDITORS AND POLICIES.—E. S. (Bristol).—If you became bankrupt, everything belonging to you would pass to the Receiver. Assurance policies are no exception. As to making a provision for your wife, that can only be done out of a solvent estate, whether now or at the time of your death.

INSURANCE.—ANXIOUS ONE.—You have an insurable interest and the policy is valid.

LOCALITY FOR LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.—A. B. C.—The summons was rightly taken out where the plaintiff lives. Ireland is a separate kingdom, and you cannot take out a summons here for a Dublin debt. It must be in Dublin.

AGREEMENT OF SERVICE.—NEMO.—You have no ground for action.

CUSTODY OF BOOKS.—JAMES.—A person is under no obligation to keep his books after they have served their purpose, and he may destroy them when he chooses.

TELEPHONE PATENT.—J. B. A.—It would be a breach of the agreements made between customers and the Telephone Companies and the Post Office for any person to alter the receiver or otherwise modify the instrument, and the only course open to an inventor is to approach the G.P.O., etc., and get them to take the thing up and give customers the option of using the alternative.

INCOME TAX.—R. B. (Belfast).—The tax is higher this year. If you had bonds on which the dividends were payable abroad you would still have to declare the amount in your income return, and, unless you swindled the Government, the result would be the same.

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THE GERMANS AGAIN.

The British shareholders in the Hong-Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, who flatter themselves that they are simultaneously serving God and Mammon—in other words, making fat profits out of supporting British industry and British interests in the Far East—would have been unpleasantly surprised if they had heard Mr. Valentine Chirol's speech at the annual dinner of the China Association the other day.

Mr. Chirol stated, very plainly and concisely, the true facts as they have for some time been known to all conversant with commercial affairs in the Far East. But as these are only an infinitesimal proportion of Englishmen, and as it is widely believed that the Hong-Kong and Shanghai Bank is a purely British institution, and, as such, naturally concerned with British interests, it is well that Mr. Chirol's remarks should be circulated as widely as possible.

He said, speaking of the condition of affairs he had recently found existing in China :—

> "It had been something of a shock to him to know that so powerful a British institution as the Hong-Kong and Shanghai Bank, which had rendered immense services to British interests in the past, now included in its Court of Directors no small proportion of German names, representing the most important German firms in the Far East, which were also the most relentless, and often the most successful, rivals of British trade and industry."

The well-known names of the London Committee of Directors, which figure in the books of reference, serve admirably to delude English shareholders; but these gentlemen are merely a committee, and probably the only man among them who has any real influence in the councils of the Bank is Sir Thomas Jackson. but Sir Thomas Jackson has never made any secret of the fact that he puts the Hong-Kong and Shanghai Bank before Great Britain, and that if the profits of the Bank come in conflct with the interests of his country, it is the latter which will go to the wall.

The real Board of this great British institution is in Hong-Kong, and we append a list of their names, and of the firms they represent, if only as a curiosity :—W. J. Gresson (Jardine, Matheson and Co.), H. S. Tomkins (Reiss and Co.), J. W. Bandon (Melchers and Co.), E. G. Barrett (Dodwell and Co.), C. S. Gubbay (E. D. Sassoon and Co.), W. Helms (Arnhold, Karberg and Co.), C. R. Lensmann (Carlowitz and Co.), E. Shellim (David Sassoon and Co.), R. Shewan (Shewan, Tomes and Co.), H. A. Siebs (Siemssen and Co.), H. A. W. Slade (Gilman and Co.),

This, it must be remembered, is something more than a shareholder's question. Recent events have made it very clear that British interests and British industry have suffered severely, and are likely to suffer still more in the future, from the fact that this great Bank, which was founded with British money, and brought to its present supreme position by British workers, has now, under the guidance of Sir Thomas Jackson, become an instrument in the hands of Britain's keenest enemies in the field of trade and commerce.

"THE L.C.C. AND A WORKMAN."—L. Downham begs us to thank the anonymous sender of a parcel of clothing, which was found to be very useful. We regret to say that Downham is still looking in vain for employment.

With reference to Human Document No. 67 we have received the following moneys from readers, all of which we have forwarded to the writer of the Document :—5s. from T. M. (Bayswater) ; 2s. 6d., "A Native of Canterbury" ; 3s. 6d. (Southampton) ; 3s., A. E. M. (Manor Park) ; 2s. 6d., Anonymous ; 2s., J. B. H. (Glasgow) ; 1s., W. D. (London) ; 2s. 6d., "Territorial Has Been" ; 3s. 6d., B. A. E. ; 2s., A. E. C. ; 5s., G. E. O. ; 10s., A. E. H.

THE SOUTH-WEST LONDON TRADESMEN'S PROVIDENT SOCIETY.—In our issue of September 4th we mentioned that "a man named Rackham—whose record is well known to us—has served us with a writ upon the plea that a paragraph in an earlier issue libelled him, although, as a matter of fact, his name does not appear in it." The explanation of the non-appearance of the name was that Rackham often goes by the name of Cook. We duly entered an appearance, and should have been glad to have had an opportunity of defending our comments upon this man in open Court. But that is not to be. Our Solicitors inform us that they have had notice of discontinuance of the action by the Plaintiff.

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MR. SANDOW AND "JOHN BULL."

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WHEREBY "JOHN BULL" READERS MAY OBTAIN MR. SANDOW'S ADVICE ON THEIR HEALTH FREE OF COST.

In the interests of its numerous readers, "John Bull" recently instituted a searching investigation of the Sandow Treatment of Curative Physical Culture, and it will, no doubt, be remembered that as a result of its inquiry, "John Bull" published in its issue of October 3rd, 1908, an article which dealt in most comprehensive manner with Mr. Sandow's system of curing illness without medicine, and gave full acknowledgment to the wonderful success Mr. Sandow had achieved in effecting cures of various ailments, many of a serious character, both at his Institute of Curative Physical Culture, 32, St. James' Street, London, S.W., and by correspondence with patients at their homes. That well-known newspaper, "Truth," also thoroughly investigated the records of cases treated at the Sandow Institute, and was able to announce the marvellous percentage of 94 cures in every 100 cases of illness, and that 99 in every 100 patients treated had received substantial benefit. Arrangements have now been made whereby readers of "John Bull" desiring Mr. Sandow's personal advice on the suitability of their cases for exercise treatment may obtain same at no expense to themselves or obligation to accept the advice given. They may either call personally at the Sandow Institute, mentioning the name of this paper as their introduction, or, if that is impossible, they can write direct, utilising for their convenience the special application form published in connection with this offer on the next page. For their further assistance, Mr. Sandow places at their disposal the pocket volumes of his Health Library, of which detailed particulars are given on the following page. The booklet they select dealing with their particular ailment will be forwarded free of charge and post paid.

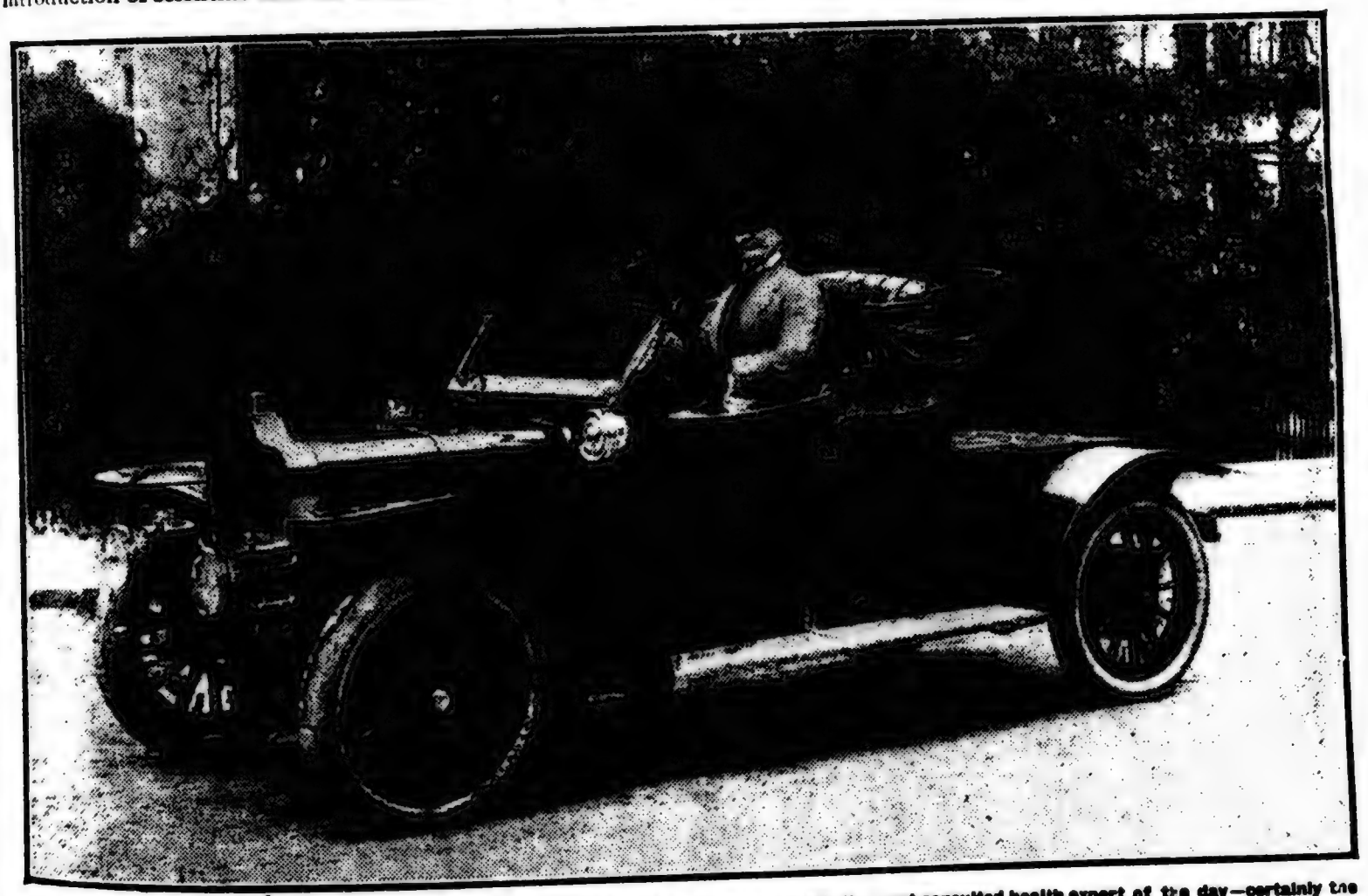
Eugen Sandow, whose career from the first moment he burst into public notice has been one long succession of ever-increasing successes, is, as probably every reader of JOHN BULL knows, the founder of a new science of curing illness by entirely natural means. He claims to have proved beyond dispute that from within the body, without requiring any external help, we every one of us have the power of combating and overcoming well-nigh every form of illness from which mankind and womankind suffer.

The extraordinary success which has followed his introduction of scientific exercise treatment for this purpose has caused people from all over the world to consult him for their troubles. The first to realise the wonders of the modern method of curing illness without medicine were the most eminent medical men in all countries. Then it was only natural that the patients of those great specialists —Royalty, the nobility, and the richer classes—learnt of the marvellous cures which Mr. Sandow brought about.

Day by day the fame of what Mr. Sandow is accomplishing with the exercise cure is spreading, therefore it is particularly gratifying to be able to convey to the readers of JOHN BULL particulars of an arrangement by means of which every reader who is either ill or out of a condition of perfect health, or not so well physically developed as he or she would like to be, may either call upon or write to Mr. Sandow telling him what the trouble is and he will carry out the offer particularised above.

When one considers how busy a man Mr. Sandow is—for probably there is no specialist in the world more sought after than he is to-day—readers of JOHN BULL will appreciate what this offer means. It is made because Mr. Sandow is determined that the benefits of curative physical culture shall be made as widely known as possible. He has arranged that readers of JOHN BULL who call upon or write to him can obtain the benefit of his preliminary consideration and advice without cost, and if they are found to be cases in which he can do good, they may then secure his treatment, either at his Institute at 32, St. James Street, London, S.W., or at home by correspondence at a very small cost.

It must not be thought that what is called the scientific exercise treatment is a severe and trying form of cure;



Mr. Eugen Sandow, who has made arrangements to advise readers of "John Bull," is probably the most consulted health expert of the day—certainly the most successful. He shows people how to cure their illnesses entirely by simple, scientific exercises, and without medicine or any kind. Mr. Sandow is here seen pursuing his favourite relaxation—motoring—in his six-cylinder "Standard" car. The address for our readers to call or write to him, mentioning "John Bull," is 32, St. James Street, London, S.W.

there are no weights to lift, no strains to be undergone. Children, women at all periods of their lives, men of thirty, fifty, seventy, eighty, or more years, can all find in Mr. Sandow's advice a means of regaining lost health, and very often obtaining glorious, vigorous vitality for the first time in their lives. Men and women, who, owing to sedentary occupations, are becoming too stout, can learn from Mr. Sandow how to naturally dispose of, and eliminate from their bodies not only the fat, but the causes which create it, so that they subsequently avoid a repetition of the trouble.

Lady readers who suffer from curvature of the spine or other skeletal deformities can, without the use of instruments, gradually and thoroughly and pleasantly bring their bodies to as perfect a state as their at present more fortunate sisters enjoy.

That large class of readers who suffer from asthma, catarrh, and other chest complaints, can strengthen their chests and the organs of their bodies until these troubles become a thing of the past. Then, again, another important group—and there must be hundreds of JOHN BULL readers who belong to this class, namely—those who through irregularity of the functions have become dyspeptic, troubled with indigestion, constipation, insomnia, or that awful palpitation the curse of so many lives, can now find that each and every one of these conditions is thoroughly cured by Mr. Sandow's method.

It is all so very wonderful, and it is quite impossible in the space of two pages of JOHN BULL to tell one-tenth part of the curative force which is in the body of each of us, and which Mr. Sandow can show us how to bring into being to overcome whatever is our special weakness. Both this journal and the famous newspaper *Truth* have made investigations into thousands of cases of people who had consulted Mr. Sandow.

In the report which *Truth* published it is vouched for that Mr. Sandow was successful in ninety-nine out of every hundred cases in doing good for the sufferer, and in no less than ninety-four out of every hundred brought about a complete achievement of the object for which he had been consulted. Such a glorious record of conquest over weakness and illness has never before been approached, and probably never will be again, certainly not by any other means than scientific exercise, of which Mr. Sandow is undoubtedly the most experienced and successful exponent.

Perhaps the most gratifying feature of all in telling JOHN BULL readers of this offer is that, however long one may have suffered, however many different drugs or patent medicines one may have swallowed without any good effect, Mr. Sandow's exercise cure can be relied upon to bring about the desired relief.

These facts may seem to have been expressed in very glowing terms; but one who has seen and has been in touch with hundreds of ill people and noted the change which came with the first week following Mr. Sandow's exercise prescriptions, can do nothing else but use the strongest language at command to ensure that those who suffer shall not neglect this opportunity of calling upon Mr. Sandow personally, or if this is impossible, of taking this opportunity of writing to him for the booklet dealing with the ailment for which treatment is desired from the list printed on this page.

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ADDRESS .....

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IS THE ADMIRALTY ROTTEN?

By F. H.

The publication of the correspondence between Admiral Lord Charles Beresford and the Prime Minister reveals a state of affairs at the Admiralty that will come as somewhat of a shock to those who imagined that our first line of defence and those who rule it are all that they should be. And there is worse to come.

If the general public knew the inner workings of the Admiralty—the intrigues, the sacrifice of the public welfare to personal consideration and advancement, the overlooking of qualification, merit, and fitness for important posts in favour of those who will blindly obey—they would at once insist on drastic changes in methods and personnel.

The Navy is a silent and little-known service, and suffers patiently in the hope of better days to come. "Things cannot go on like this for ever," one hears constantly repeated, but cautiously, for in these days of organised espionage one never knows to whom one's private conversations may be repeated, and, if objectionable to the powers that be, half-pay and a curious delay in advancement follow swiftly. The frank criticism of a Naval mess has degenerated into half-hearted comment, and in one large mess the atmosphere of suspicion and uneasiness is such that members who can do so invariably dine out where they can let their own tongues wag in comfort. This feeling has increased tremendously during the last four years, and has led to the formation of coteries, little and big, but all animated by one of two causes, which is distinctly detrimental to the proper and efficient performance of duty. However capable and efficient one officer may be, an autocracy cannot possibly be a success, and one man cannot efficiently control all departments of a vast organisation, even granted ideal conditions. When, in addition to this disability, methods of espionage and procedure which may have been a success in the days, of the Council of Ten and the Lion's Mouth are introduced undermining all loyalty and *esprit de corps*, it is time for a Commission to enquire into cause and effect, but preferably an independent one.

The letters of Captain, now Rear-Admiral Bacon, revealed an interesting state of affairs, the publication of the Beresford-Asquith correspondence discloses a little more, and there is more to come shortly.

It is high time drastic changes were made if our Navy is to be an efficient fighting force, and not a house divided against itself.

THE NATIONAL TELEPHONE COMPANY AND ITS STAFF.

SOME ARBITRARY REGULATIONS!

We have received serious complaints as to the methods of management current in one of the chief London Exchanges. They appear to us to be unreasonable and tyrannical. We are informed that it has been the practice of operators to change their shoes on starting work, partly for economy and partly for comfort. The manager has now forbidden them to do so because "old shoes look bad when visitors come in." As continual handling of rough cords and the pressing of stiff buttons make the fingers sore, in some cases even producing painful "corns" on the finger tips, many of the operators have worn gloves. The manager has also forbidden this unless *all* the working staff wear nice new ones. Some operators wear the receiver on the right side of the head, others on the left. He has made a rule that it must be always worn over the right ear, a painful infliction through long pressure in many cases. Operators like to wash their hands before they go to lunch, as they get dirty with frequent handling of the brass plugs attached to the cords. The manager has ruled that henceforth they must go to lunch immediately on ceasing duty, thus interfering with the most elementary principles of sanitation.

These are some of the petty office rigours and severities of which the staff complain. We do not vouch for them. But we should like to hear what the company says. We are aware that business is business, but consideration for those who make the wheels go round tends to increase dividends.

The Revolution in Cycle Finish.

Readers of JOHN BULL have been greatly interested during the past Autumn in the new "All Black" Sunbeam Bicycle, which requires no cleaning, but only wiping over for a few minutes with a damp sponge. This interesting machine is now on exhibition at Stand No. 92, Stanley Cycle Show, Agricultural Hall, Islington. Or it can be seen at the London showrooms of the makers, J. Marston, Limited, 157–158, Sloane Street (close by Sloane Square), S.W.; Cecil House, 57a, Holborn Viaduct, E.C.

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Objects: To stamp out Cant and Self-Righteousness; to abolish Cranks and Killjoys; to create a robust and self-reliant Public Opinion; and to promote a Common Sense, Business Government for a Common Sense, Business People.

Readers desirous of joining the League must fill up the subjoined form and forward same to the Secretary, 67, Long Acre, London, W.C.

The Glasgow Meeting.

We had not time last week to give more than a short summary of the proceedings at the remarkable Glasgow demonstration. We now append a few extracts from the Scottish Press:—

Glasgow Citizen: "On the whole, Mr. Bottomley made quite an eloquent speech on behalf of the League. . . . What the audience appreciated much was his castigation of the restrictive legislation which has recently been passed. . . . The whole address seemed to be eagerly enjoyed all through. . . . There was a great appreciation of Mr. Bottomley and his sermon—which in the main means 'individuality.'"

Glasgow Evening Times: "There was no mistaking the enthusiasm of the crowds that packed the St. Andrew's Hall on the occasion of the propaganda meeting addressed by Mr. Horatio Bottomley, M.P., as President of the John Bull League. . . Mr. Bottomley is a caustic speaker, with a special aptitude for telling sarcastically humorous stories."

Glasgow News: "Every seat was filled and many people were content to stand. . . Mr. Bottomley is a clever speaker."

Glasgow Daily Record and Mail: "Owing to the large attendance, many of those who produced copies of JOHN BULL were unable to obtain admission."

The Scotsman comments on the large attendance and gives a summary of the objects of the League.

The Glasgow Herald also gives an account of the proceedings and comments on the crowded nature of the meeting.

Cardiff Meeting.

A public meeting in support of the objects of the League, which the President will expound, will be held in Park Hall to-day (Thursday, November 25th). Chair taken at 8 o'clock. Doors open at 7 o'clock.

Manchester Meeting.

The Free Trade Hall has been booked for Friday, December 3rd, when the President will deliver an address. Further particulars next week.

Birmingham Meeting.

The Town Hall has been booked for Friday, December 10th, when the President will attend. It was found impracticable to arrange for the Bingley Hall.

SOME BRANCH REPORTS.

ARDWICK.—The League is growing rapidly in numbers. Hatpins and badges are in great request.

BLACKHEATH.—Here the membership increases by leaps and bounds, but friends bitterly complain of the London Press boycotting the President's Glasgow Address.

BOURNEMOUTH.—The numerous references in JOHN BULL to this town have been much talked about, and the broad-minded portion of the population are pleased that the League has its eye on the Sabbatarian Kill-joys. Membership is growing rapidly, and the Chadbands are getting nervous.

BOGNOR.—It says much for the vitality of the League that the badge is extensively worn in mediæval Bognor. Our local correspondent is more than enthusiastic as to the popularity it has already achieved.

BRIGHTON.—The President's opening address has been enthusiastically received here. It is felt that there is much good work to be done with regard to the various foreign missions, whose large subscriptions would be much better spent in alleviating distress and suffering in the town instead of using the money in disturbing the religious faith of other nations.

CARDIFF.—Interest in the League is increasing daily, and great satisfaction is expressed at the fact that it will keep an eye on the cranks and "unco' guid" who dwell in the Welsh Metropolis. The Public Meeting is eagerly looked forward to.

CARDIGAN.—Splendid reports reach us from this town, where, according to the local Press, a branch of the League will supply a long felt want.

GORTON.—Membership coupons continue to be forwarded from here, and the coming of the President is looked forward to with great interest.

HANDSWORTH.—Members anxiously await the President's visit. There is no doubt he will have a rousing reception, as he has a great number of friends here.

HOWDEN.—Many enquiries are being made here as to the working of the League, which, according to the *Howdenshire Gazette*, is being enthusiastically welcomed. The newsagents last week were sold out of JOHN BULLS early on Thursday, and had to order fresh supplies.

LEEDS.—Shoals of membership coupons continue to come in from this city, where the reports from other branches are read with great interest. Leeds evidently means to take a leading part in spreading the principles of the League.

LEWISHAM.—Members here are keeping a watchful eye on the local Sunday-Closing Movement, whereby great hardship and inconvenience is being caused to a section of the population. A debating society is in process of formation, and members of the League are heartily invited to co-operate.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—The League is steadily gaining ground, and a formal meeting will be held in a few weeks.

MANCHESTER.—The meeting to be held here is looked forward to with great excitement. There are not very many badges to be seen as yet, but doubtless there will be more in evidence at and after the President's visit.

NEW CROSS.—Here the League is going strong, and badges are to be seen everywhere.

NORTH CAMBERWELL.—The objects of the League continue to find supporters. There is a great desire to make an early move to arrange a meeting to inaugurate the winter campaign.

READING.—League badges are very much in evidence here, and are being worn by many of the artistes singing at the Town Hall Concerts.

RHONDDA, GLAM.—The League has plenty of useful work to accomplish in this colliery district, in connection with the kill-joys, for a few days ago the ministers and deacons of the "Nebo Welsh Baptist Chapel" attempted to get the following resolution passed:—"That any member of this church visiting any theatre or music hall could consider himself or herself disconnected, there and then." Several people of the district think, however, that if the truth were elucidated, it would be found that the minister and deacons were no better than those they would condemn.

SOUTHWARK.—Here the League has had a very favourable reception. The members express the wish that our President will soon be Prime Minister.

STAFFORD.—Many members are being enrolled here. They are anxiously waiting for the Birmingham meeting, when they hope the local Press will report the proceedings in full.

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THE LAW OF OBSTRUCTION—HEAVY PENALTY.

Manuel Labori, a distinguished-looking foreigner, in long hair and shiny overcoat, describing himself as a lecturer in Hyde Park, having done no other work since he landed in England, was charged before Mr. Meadows at Marylebone with wilfully causing an obstruction at Marble Arch.

It was said in evidence that shortly after ten o'clock on Tuesday night he was selling literature outside the park, surrounded by a crowd of people. The literature in question was a paper called *Injustice*, the organ of the Vivisectionist-Vegetarian and Suffragette-Communists. He refused to go away, and said this was a free country and he should sell his papers where he liked. He preferred not to keep a shop, because that meant paying rent (or owing it), let alone rates and taxes, which he did not want to be bothered with.

Mr. Meadows imposed a fine of five shillings, remarking that nobody must monopolise the pavement, as all Britons were free to use it as was the defendant, strange as that might seem.

THE SAME LAW.—DRASTIC TREATMENT.

Twelve members of the Russian Toffee-Makers' Union were summoned at Blenheim Street before Mr. Shopkins on a charge of causing an obstruction in Regent Street by assembling outside the premises of the Stickjaw Sweet-stuff Company, where it appeared a strike was in progress.

The evidence given by the police was to the effect that the defendants paraded up and down in single file, thereby causing a great crowd to assemble. Foot passengers were obliged to walk in the road, and traffic was greatly discommoded. The men were begged to desist, but they said they had every right to walk up and down, and the police ought to move on the people who stopped to look at them. The secretary of the Union said it was only a case of peaceful picketing, and he could not advise the men to refrain from their daily perambulation.

Mr. Silky, for the defence, said his clients were honest working-men, who had disagreed with their employers, and felt it necessary to assert their independence by promenading in Regent Street while other men were taken on to do their work and draw their wages. It was the loungers of the West End who caused the obstruction, if there was one,

Mr. Shopkins said there undoubtedly was an obstruction, because he himself had passed that way and had been obliged to go into the gutter, thereby getting his shoes muddy. He had every sympathy with the men, but they really must not block up an important thoroughfare like Regent Street. Couldn't they go up an alley somewhere? He should have to bind them over. That, of course, would not interfere with twelve different men doing the same thing to-morrow.

OBSTRUCTION ONCE AGAIN.—REMARKABLE LENIENCY.

John Jones was brought up at Lambeth, charged with causing an obstruction in Kennington Road by loitering for the purpose of receiving betting slips.

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Defendant: I am not. I am a runner, and I am paid to walk about. I must not stand still; if I did, I should lose my job. I caused no obstruction whatever.

Magistrate: Doesn't the prisoner come to a halt when all these men hand their slips?

Inspector: No, sir. To be quite candid, they give them to him in passing. The whole three of them did so.

Magistrate: What was found on the prisoner?

Inspector: Three betting slips and three shillings.

Magistrate: It is quite evident that this is a case of betting in the worst form, a crime which is the ruin of so many. The obstruction has been abundantly proved, and I err on the side of leniency by imposing a fine of ten pounds, or three weeks. If you come here again, I shall send you to gaol.

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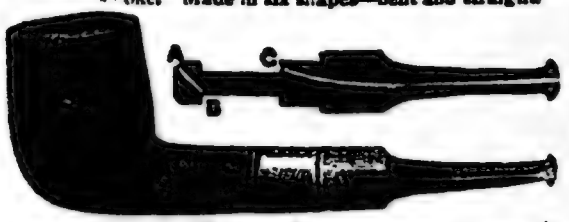

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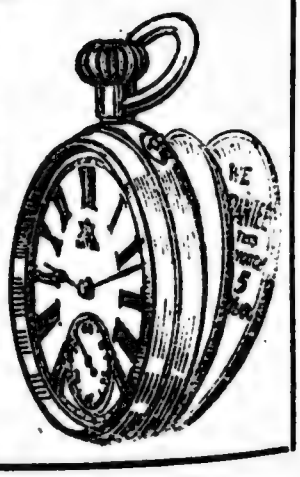

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IMAGINARY INTERVIEWS.

By Walter Moore.

XXVI.—LORD CHARLES BERESFORD.

Bent upon a chat with the Admiral, I cruised around Coombe Cottage, Kingston Hill, from six to eight bells, keeping a weather eye open for Charlie. In due course he hove in sight, and I hailed him at the garden gate.

"Come about and lay-to for a bit, Admiral," I said; "I'd like to have a yarn with you."

"Right-o, me hearty!" cried the genial Admiral; "what ship are you?"

"The *John Bull*, out of London; and all's well," I replied.

"Where are you bound?" said he.

"To every port, city, town and village in the British Empire," said I.

"Well, I hope you'll have fair weather," said the Admiral, cordially.

"The same to you," I returned; "I hear you are bound for Portsmouth."

"Yes; and from Portsmouth to the House of Commons," replied Lord Charles, hauling up his slacks.

"You'll have a roughish passage, I'm thinking," I commented.

"I think not," responded the Admiral; "I fancy the Free Trade winds, which are the only gales to be feared just now, have just about spent themselves."

"Don't be too confident," I advised. "The bye-election barometer is not always to be relied upon, even when it is made in Bermondsey. I should take in a few reefs in case of a sudden squall. What cargo do you carry?"

"Repair parts for the Board of Admiralty, and plans for a stronger Navy."

"I hear you had a collision with the *Saucy McKenna* t'other day."

"Oh, that was nothing," replied Lord Charles, airily; "more noise than damage."

"But in was reported in some quarters that the *Saucy McKenna* was rather badly hurt."

"Well, I believe I *did* scrape off a bit of her paint," laughed the Admiral, "and gave the skipper an uncomfortable quarter-of-an-hour."

"But, to return to your Portsmouth to Westminster cruise. I thought the *Rise and Falle* had been commissioned for the voyage."

"So she was," returned Lord Charles; "but the owners afterwards thought I should be more likely to make a safe trip in case of dirty weather."

"And do you agree with that opinion?"

"Certainly," declared the Admiral, emphatically. "A Portsmouth crew would be less likely to mutiny under my command."

"Well, we shall see," I remarked. "But, I remember an old saying, something about a prophet not being without honour—save in his own country.

"Oh, they're sure to follow Charlie!" cried the Admiral with cheery optimism.

"Well, I hope they will," I said. "There is no doubt you would be safer in Parliament than acting the part of a loose end."

"Perhaps you are right," admitted Lord Charles; "but, as the world very well knows, I'm a fighting man, and we fighting men sometimes have to let ourselves go. But come, shall we splice the main brace before we dip ensigns? There's always a good drop of Navy rum for a friend at Coombe Cottage."

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L. Brighton Cons. Pref.	5	137	131	3 16 6
Midland Perp.	2½	73½	67½	3 14 3
N. Brit. Conv. (1879)	5	129⅛	120	3 15 3
South Eastern Conv. (1903)	4	104	100	4 0 0
PREFERRED ORDINARY.				
Barry	4	96	91	4 0 0
Caledonian	3	74⅛	61½	4 17 6
Central London	4	92	87	4 12 0
Glasgow and South Western	2½	63⅛	58	4 6 3
Great Northern	4	100⅛	91½	4 7 0
London and South Western	4½	103⅛	94½	4 7
London Brighton	6½	135⅞	129	5 0
Midland	2½	66⅞	61⅛	4 0
North British	3	72⅛	64	4 13
Rhymney	4	106	100	4 0
South Eastern (6%)	5½	115½	105	5 4 6

The above table shows that the Preferences yield up to nearly 4¾ per cent. per annum, while the return on the Preferred Ordinaries ranges up to 5¼ per cent. It may be mentioned, for the information of my readers, that the Preferred Ordinary is the split portion of the old Ordinary stocks, the remainder being in Deferred Ordinary. Most of these stocks now stand at a considerably lower level than during 1908, while as compared with the highest points reached during 1896 the disparity is still more marked. Yet, there can be no two opinions as to whether the Companies are steadily improving their position in almost every respect. Much is made of the inroads of electric tramway and motor omnibus competition upon the suburban traffic, but the Companies can devote greater attention to their long-distance traffics. In other words, what they lose on the swings they should make up on the roundabouts. In any case, the positions of the stocks in question, as regards their dividends, should be safe enough, and, for instance, South Eastern Preferred should in time get its full six per cent. dividend, which will, of course, increase the yield to a corresponding extent. As regards the prospects of capital appreciation, the strength of the Money Market may retard this movement for a while, but with the turn of the year, when all becomes *couleur de rose* again in Lombard Street, Home securities, and Home Railway stocks in particular, should be among the first to improve.

FOREIGN RAILS FOR INVESTMENT—NECESSITY OF CAREFUL SELECTION.

So numerous have been the enquiries from readers of JOHN BULL for investments yielding a fairly substantial and safe return, that I propose to draw attention to stocks of the kind amongst Foreign Railways, one of the few sections in which it is possible to obtain such high interest with reasonable safety. I have drawn up the following table, which gives the dividends, highest price touched in 1905-7, and yields :—

Name.	Dividend per cent. per ann.	Highest, 1905-7.	Buying Price.	Yield Per Cent.
Antofag. Def. Ord.	7½	180⅛	123	6 2
Arg. Great West. Ord.	5*	131⅛	103	4 17
Bahia-Blanca Guar.	3*	90⅛	88	3 8
B.A. Pacific Ord.	4	143⅛	88	4 11
Do. Great Southern Ord.	7	148⅛	122	5 14
Do. Western Ord.	7	142⅛	124	5 13
Central Argent. Ord.	6	120⅛	100	6 0
Cent. Urug. Mont. Ord.	4½	95⅛	81	5 11
Colom. Nat. 1st. Deb.	6†	105⅛	87	
Cord. Cent. 2nd Pref.	5	95⅛	91	5 10
Guay. and Quito Bds.	5*	104	47	10
Mex. Rly. 2nd Pref.	3*	100	71½	4 4
San Paulo (Braz.) Ord.	11	220	200	6 10
United of Havana Ord.	2	193	84	2 7
Urug. Northern Pref.	11*	44⅛	28	5 7

* Estimated. † Coupon not yet paid.

Present quotations are far below former values, and have also suffered from the rise in the value of money, but they may be said at least not to be affected by Home politics. Argentine Railway stocks have fallen somewhat in value owing to the late crops, which make them more susceptible to the ravages of locusts, and, incidentally, delay traffics. Quite recently the reduction in the Buenos Ayres and Pacific dividend to 4 per cent. for the second half of the year has caused a heavy fall in the stock, the company having undertaken numerous important extensions necessitating excessive issues of capital. When discussing Argentine Rails on October 9th I foresaw the dividend disappointment, and

therefore omitted this stock from my list. Even after the heavy fall it is not particularly tempting, and, by the way, *Argentine Great Western* and *Bahia Blanca*, owing to *Buenos Ayres and Pacific* guarantees, are also affected by the results of the latter company. *Buenos Ayres Great Southern and Western* are sound investments. In the case of *Antofagasta* and *Sao Paulo* the return is much higher, although there is the risk of the dividends falling off. *Central Argentine* junior securities, by the way, will benefit by the consolidation of the debentures now to be carried out. The *Mexican Railway* traffics are too poor to give the stocks a lift, and *United of Havana* are still too high, the good sugar crop being discounted. *Central Uruguay of Monte Video* are fair value, but the *Uruguay Northern* yearly report is expected to be unsatisfactory. I expressed my opinion of the action of the Colombian Government concerning the guarantee for the first debenture interest of the *National Railway* very frankly last week. As regards the *Guayaquil and Quito* Bonds, the interest on which is due on December 31st, the amount (£40,000) has apparently at last been deposited with the Banco Comercial y Agricolo in Ecuador, and if it is formally handed over to the bondholders now, the bonds will have a rise. But why did not the Government fulfil its undertaking to pay the amount over monthly? The ways of these lower-grade Spanish-American Republics are inscrutable.

South and West African Mines Still in the Throes of Liquidation—The Speculator's Discomfiture is the Investor's Opportunity.

Although the speculative account in the Stock Exchange has now been reduced to small dimensions, the trouble is not quite over, as Kaffir and Rhodesian shares pledged with banks, especially in the North, are every now and then being thrown overboard when margins run off, thus precipitating fresh liquidation. Hence *Goldfields* have been knocked down to 5⅞, *Rand Mines* to 8⅛, and even the high-class dividend-paying Rand shares are yet lower. In their case a return of from 10 to 12 per cent. can now be obtained, and there is no better investment to be made in any other market. I gave a list of 20 suitable mines on November 6th, so that my readers can easily make their selection, provided, of course, they have the money to take up the shares. The speculator's discomfiture is the investor's opportunity, the more so as there is nothing wrong with the merits of the mines. The case is similar with Rhodesians, *Chartered* having been sold down to 1⅞, although they stood at 2 only a few weeks ago. *Tanks* are down at 4⅛, *Globe and Phœnix* at 4⅜, *Enterprise* at 13/16. Since I referred to the *Sinti Reef Company* they have increased their property by a further acquisition of 30 claims. It is significant that in such a depressed market the price of the shares has remained at 10s. 6d. All the Abe Bailey shares are flat, that gentleman having taken his departure for South Africa again. West Africans seem quite ready to brace up whenever the South African sections set the example, and that will probably happen when the Goldfields people themselves help the market. It is not sufficient for Lord Harris to predict that the West African will become the greatest goldfield of the world.

American Rails, Steels, and Coppers.

One cannot help admiring the pluck with which the Wall Street magnates are pushing their stocks regardless of depressing surroundings. If there were only a few such leaders for the London markets, how different would the position here be. Just now there is a little fresh trouble, in that the United States Circuit Court of Missouri has decided that the *Standard Oil Company of New Jersey* was an illegal corporation, but prices dropped only from 1 to 4 dol. on the announcement. *Steel Common and Copper Mines* followed suit. Of course, the *Standard Oil* people are appealing, and they have a way of getting out of these scrapes. Now that the Congress will soon meet again, President Taft will probably make his promised move against the Trusts. He is not so impulsive as Roosevelt, but I believe while *suaviter in modo*, he will also prove *fortiter in re*. The Copper Combine is still in the making, so is the Telegraph and Cable Combine. In the meantime, *Amalgamated Copper* shares have been as high as 98, and the unfortunate "Bears" here and in Wall Street have mostly been frightened into covering. As far as I can see, this combine will chiefly benefit the *Rio Tinto* and other mines which keep out of it.

Some Miscellaneous Speculative Counters Move—Industrials Generally Quiet.

The feature in the miscellaneous market is the sharp rise in *Peking Syndicates* to 19½, and in *Shansi* shares to 41s. 6d., but this is still due to Continental operators, who are thus showing the courage of their opinions. Then, again, *Hudson's Bay* rose to 67½ on a rumour that part of the fur sales would be transferred to *Harrod's Stores*, which was, however, promptly contradicted. Efforts are apparently to be made again to popularise Coalite shares, but so far it has not been found possible to raise *Coalite Syndicate* above 5½, and *British Coalite* above 14s. *Millar's Karri and Jarrah* are a firmer market at 24s. 3d., and deservedly so, as the company is now paying good dividends and there is no fear of a renewal of the labour troubles. *Rio Trams* are on the upgrade again at 94½. *Western Canada Lands* are up at 31s. I learn from Toronto that the report which has gone through the Press that the *Canadian Pacific* had sold a million acres of their very valuable Bow River land at 20 dol. was false. The company had been getting 25 dol. so fast that they raised the price to 35 dol., which they are now getting. These land assets are indeed a great fortune for the *Canadian Pacific*, and I hear that the receipts from land, together with the deferred payments on land already sold, which are kept in a separate account, now total about $34,000,000. *Canadian Pacifics*, now quoted at 180⅝ ex rights, will not be long ere they reach 200. But I don't think much of the future of *Grand Trunks*. Some disappointment has been caused by the decision of the *General Motor Cab Company* to carry forward the huge sum of £92,163, being the net balance available for distribution to the two classes of shares, Preferred and Deferred, instead of paying any further dividend. The profits for the year ended July 31st were very handsome £225,553. After writing off and adding to the special reserve £65,530, and reckoning the dividend of 7 per cent. already paid on the Pref. Ordinary (against 10 per cent. for the previous year), the above magnificent balance is carried forward, chiefly, perhaps to strengthen the company in view of coming competition. After 7 per cent. is paid, the Preferred and Deferred share profits alike, and a distribution of, say, £40,000 to the £6,000 in Deferred shares would have been a splendid windfall. It is expected that both classes of shareholders will eventually divide a big extra profit, and the Preferred (which are £1 shares) at 3¼ on a 7 per cent. basis, yield 2⅜ per cent. I suppose that both classes of shareholders will expect an answer on it at the the meeting that this heritage is to be restored to them. The test plant for the manufacture of Rapidin, the new motor spirit, will be working at Dartford by the end of this week, when motorists and others interested in the motor industry will be able to make a thorough trial. I have no doubt but that my readers will find my statements with regard to the merits of Rapidin, and its importance to the Rubber Exploration Company as the owners of the British patents, fully borne out.

Gas and Water—More About the Eaton Group.

Decidedly the Eaton Group of Gas and Water Companies is getting quite notorious in the Courts. I chronicled the other day the appointment of receivers for the Debenture-holders of the *Ticehurst and District Water and Gas Company* and for the *Robertsbridge, Salehurst and Hurst Green Water and Gas Company*. Mr. Justice Swinfen Eady has since given judgment in the Chancery Division against the *Laindon and District Gas and Water Company*, removing the name of a Mrs. Totty from the list of Preference shareholders on account of misrepresentation of material facts. Now a receiver and manager has been appointed by Mr. Justice Parker of the *Ratcliffe (Yorks.) District Gas and Coke Company, Ltd.*, capital £10,000. I have repeatedly commented on this concern and on the troubles of the inhabitants of Rawcliffe with the lighting contract. At a meeting of shareholders, held on Lord Mayor's day, of all days, at the Cannon Street Hotel, there was some very straight speaking by the former auditors to the directors. The fundamental mistake with these Companies, apparently, is that they commence business with an altogether inadequate capital. For this I suppose Mr. Edmund Eaton, as the moving spirit, is responsible. There are ten more similar Companies of the Eaton group in existence. Are they going to follow suit?

NEW ISSUES.

Gamage Motor Cab Company.—The Gamage Motor Cab Company, Limited, has been formed with a capital of £175,000, divided into £173,000 in Deferred Ordinary Shares of £1 each, and £2,000 in Deferred Shares of 1s. each, for the purpose of providing London with a service of up-to-date motor cabs, for which it is claimed that they will far excel those which are at present plying for hire.

They are to be fitted with the latest improvements, and to be upholstered in morocco, also to be lighted by electricity. The offer of centrally situated premises, suitable for the purposes of a cab garage, has been secured on the lease of about 73 years. According to the estimates contained in the prospectus, handsome dividends are expected. The Preferred Ordinary Shares are entitled to receive out of the net profits in each year, a non-cumulative preferential dividend of 7 per cent., and, in addition thereto, one-half of the surplus nett profits of the Company, the balance of such surplus nett profits being payable to the holders of the Deferred Shares. The subscription list will close on or before Thursday, November 25th, 1909.

Angostura Bitters.—This Company has been formed for acquiring as a going concern the business assets, goodwill, etc., of Dr. J. G. B. Siegert and Sons, sole proprietors and manufacturers of Angostura bitters and other cordials. The capital consists of 85,000 Cumulative and Participating Six Per Cent. Preference shares, and 85,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each, and the Preference shares are now offered to the public. According to the statemefit of past profits, the average for the last fifteen years has been sufficient to pay the interest on the present issue several times over.

Foreign Loans.—In the absence of a congenial Kaffir market to speculate in, Paris is occupying itself with Foreign Loans. A new Servian Loan is on the tapis, best part of which is to be issued in Paris, and the balance in Berlin. The new Turkish Municipal Loan of a million sterling, will also be floated in Paris shortly.

The Indian Motor Taxi-cab Company, Limited.—With a capital of £101,000, divided into 100,000 Deferred Ordinary shares of £1 each, and 20,000 Deferred shares of 1s. each, this Company is formed to establish a motor taxi-cab service in Bombay and the neighbourhood, and subsequently in other places in India. The prospectus contains a great deal about the Charron cabs, for which the Company is to take over a contract, but it does not at all appear certain that there is any large demand for motor cabs there, and the business seems to be very much in the air and highly speculative.

The Amazon Telegraph Company, Limited.—The directors of this Company invite subscriptions for £300,000 Five Per Cent. Debentures to bearer of £1 each, at an issue price of 98 per cent., repayable at 105 per cent., not later than July 1st, 1935, by the operation of a sinking fund of 2½ per cent. accruing from July 1st, 1912. Five Per Cent. Debentures on a telegraph system in Brazil are not very tempting, especially as the net revenue has fallen from £41,804 in 1907-8 to £28,674 in 1908-9, owing to interruptions in the cable.

Mount Dzyshra (Caucasus) Exploration Company, Limited.—This Company proposes, with a capital of £200,000 in £1 shares, to explore Mount Dzyshra, which is said to be saturated with naphtha, in addition to which there are said to be large lead and other metal deposits. The Russian Mines and Estates, Limited, are the vendors, but everything must necessarily depend upon the result of the explorations going to be made, which may or may not prove successful.

The Nigerian Tin Corporation, Limited.—To form a Company with a capital of £100,000, in order to work the alluvial tin in Northern Nigeria, requires some courage, and it also will require a deal of courage on the part of investors to put money into this concern, especially as no experts' reports are submitted, but merely rumours and reports. This is, of course, a highly speculative venture.

GERSON HAMSON AND CO.

Owing to the receipt of several complaints from readers as to difficulty in obtaining payment of sums due to them from this firm, we have discontinued their advertisement. In justice to Messrs. Gerson Hamson and Co., however, it is fair to state that the nature of the complaint is to the effect that, instead of paying the sums due at once, they are liquidating them by instalments. We, therefore, make no reflection upon their personal integrity, but, in the circumstances, do not feel justified in making JOHN BULL the medium of invitations for further subscriptions.

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(2) Correspondents should adopt either a nom-de-plume, or mention initials, under which the replies will appear in the paper. The numbers of subjects inquired about should also be numbered.

(3) Replies are only made in the ordinary way through the columns of this journal under the above heading, and not by letter. Communications received after Saturday cannot be dealt with in the current issue of the paper.

(4) Under no circumstances will the proprietors undertake the sale or purchase of stocks or shares.

(5) If inquirers wish it, the address of respectable firms of stockbrokers, members of the London Stock Exchange, for transacting business, will be supplied to them, in which case a stamped addressed envelope must be enclosed.

LAKE VIEW CONSOLS.—A SHAREHOLDER.—There is a good deal of justification for your remarks, but the shareholders have only themselves to blame for their own supineness.

WM. COLEMANS.—C. M. (Bond Street).—Highly speculative; I do not advise a purchase.

TYLER, JOHNSON AND CO.—NAUTICAL.—I strongly advise you not to be tempted into these shares, for which, moreover, there is no market.

DE DION MOTORS.—T. J. V.—Very little information is available, but I hear of some important developments. Why not write and ask the secretary some information regarding the position?

ARGENTINE SECURITIES, ETC.—CURIOUS (Lewisham).—Nos. 1 to 4 are speculative. No. 5 are a fair holding, but no particular catch. There is no likelihood of a call on London and Provincial Bank shares.

VEREENIGING AND OTHERS.—JUNIOR.—No. 1 has the most possibilities. I do not care for the others, although eventually No. 2 may also come to the front when the Jungle market once more asserts itself.

UTAH BLOCK *B*.—B. E. (Bath).—(1) No information. (2) Apparently not.

RICHARDSONS, WESTGARTH.—SOUCIEUX.—(1) ¾; you might as well hold now. (2) Better, if iron and steel trade conditions improved. (3) I cannot tell you.

EAST RANDS, ETC.—W. F. C.—Nos. 1, 6, and 7 are the best on your list. The others might be sold on any favourable opportunity.

CITY PRIVILEGES.—J. A. (Haggerston).—I have already answered you. Various formalities have to be gone through, and matters would be facilitated if the father were a Freeman. But why do you not apply to the Guildhall, where such information will doubtless be given readily?

KAFFIRS TO LOCK UP.—CITY DEEP.—Your selection is excellent, and you might also average Knight Central. (6) The money could be employed to better advantage in South Africans. LUCANIA.—(1) All the shares mentioned are good of their kind, and you might add Randfontein South. (2) No.

RHODESIAN COPPER: COPIAPO.—GWALIA.—(1 and 2) This is entirely in the discretion of the board. (3) Highly speculative, but not unpromising. (4) I do not like Copiapo.

SELECTED GOLD MINES.—E. R. Y.—No recent information is available. Why not write direct to the Official Receiver, inquiring how the matter stands?

BIRSINE.—SLOANE.—No information is available up to the present.

AXIM AND TARKWA.—WILLIAMS.—I do not know sufficient about this concern to express a definite opinion, but I think that other Jungle shares are preferable from every point of view.

VANDENBERGHS.—H. W. B. S.—(1) This is all right. (2) I send what you require in your envelope.

BRYANT TRADING CO.—ROBSNOB.—I do not advise the purchase.

CONSOLS AND HOME RAILS.—MARCUS.—(1) I do not advise a purchase. (2) I have dealt fully with Home Rails in recent issues. You are quite right in your views.

KIMANIS RUBBER.—W. H. H.—Take a profit when you can get it.

INVESTMENT FOR £5,000.—FARMER.—A selection of the Home Railway Preference and Preferred Ordinary shares, given in this issue, should suit your requirements, also some of the Industrial Debentures given in recent issues.

CARRIZAL AND CERO BLANCO RAILWAY.—KNAPHILL.—There is no quotation here for these shares, but you may get a price for them in Liverpool, where the office of the company is located. The last dividend was 7 per cent. for year ended June 30th, 1908.

BANGAWAN RUBBER.—AQUILA.—Take a fair profit when you can get it, and re-invest in the large producing companies, such as Selangor, Cicely, etc., as stated in last week's issue.

EQUITABLE BOND.—L. T. Y.—I do not care for this kind of concern, and I should advise you to dispose of the Bond.

KAMUNING RUBBER.—F. A. B.—These already stand at a high premium, and I prefer such shares as Cicely, Sumatra Para, Selangor, etc.

SMALL BANK.—ANXIOUS (Clapton).—The rumours in question have also reached me, but it may be a case of the wish of rival institutions being father to the thought. There is always the P.O. Savings Bank for you.

INDUSTRIALS.—MAC. (Liverpool).—I do not care particularly for any of the Industrials in question.

BRITISH COTTON AND WOOL DYERS.—G. A. T.—The report for the half quarter, ended September 30th, makes a better showing, and under the circumstances the shares might be held for an improvement.

PENNSYLVANIA CAPITAL ISSUE.—AFRIC.—This is not a new capital issue in the ordinary sense of the word. It is mainly for the purpose of retiring the Bond issue, which should improve the position of the stockholders to a corresponding extent. The Common stock is a good investment, but must necessarily be subject, to some extent, to the fluctuations in the American market generally.

DUBIOUS DIAMOND SHARES.—NENONI.—The heading will tell you what I think of your holdings. There is no market for them, and I am afraid they are worthless.

RINK.—C. H. P. (Carmarthen).—One of the better class of this kind of concern, but, of course, highly speculative. A. P. (Breconshire).—I do not like either Nos. 1 or 2, and I do not think much better of No. 3. Sell all if you can. J. R. (Nottingham).—One of the better class of the kind, but, obviously, very speculative.

£90 TO INVEST.—G. N. R.—For the first half of the current year the Great Central paid the full rate only down to the 1879 Preference. Either this stock or Great Northern Deferred should answer your purpose.

NIGEL.—G. M. (Halliday Hill).—The estimated life is 15 years.

MINING SHARE EXCHANGE.—E. H. H.—The exchange might be profitable, especially in view of the reaction in New Rietfontein.

CARGO FLEETS, ETC.—SAINT.—I do not like No. 2. No. 1 are a fair holding amongst Iron and Steels, and No. 3 amongst motors; but if you wish to exchange, you can now find many tempting opportunities in Kaffirs.

A 5½ PER CENT. YIELD.—L. C. S.—(1) You cannot get a sound Bond to yield 5½ per cent. The nearest approach thereto would be some of the leading South American securities, yielding about 5 per cent. (2) Both highly speculative. (3 and 4) You might re-invest in sound Kaffirs.

MAZAWATTEE TEA.—H. J. (Nottingham).—Highly speculative, and you should not load yourself up too much with any one particular share of the kind.

PACIFIC OREGON RAILWAY.—MILKMAN.—Highly speculative: I do not recommend the investment. (2) Neither do I advise you to deal with these people. (3) One of the good concerns of the kind.

ILLUSTRATED NEWS.—A. T. (York).—Both highly speculative, and the first of the two would be preferable.

DEVELOPMENT.—F. M. M.—These shares have declined in sympathy with the whole market. There should be a fair prospect of a recovery, when the whole takes a turn for the better.

...—MATURA.—No recent information is available, and if you speculative shares you will be giving hostages to fortune.

DEBENTURES.—WELSH DROP.—You will be well advised to stop ... Recent experiences with Central American Railways are not ... confidence in such concerns.

PERMANENT MONEY SOCIETY.—A. C.—This seems to be a fair concern but, as is usually the case with most such undertakings, it is ... to get your money out just when you may want it.

LAND SOCIETY.—POM-POM.—All right.

... AND CAMP BIRD.—PERPLEXED.—(1) These have gone down with Rhodesians, but they might be held for a recovery. (2) A fair mining

BANK DEPOSITS.—BANK DEPOSIT (Hove); H. R. (Devon).—No reason should not be suitable for you.

INVEST.—HORACE.—You can get 4½ per cent. in some Japanese ... per cent. in Argentine Rails, but, of course, this is not so safe as ... now got.

BROKERS.—CARINA.—None of the concerns in question is of repute. ... Phœnix are still too high, and the question is whether the "Full" ... not been altogether eliminated. R. H. (Southport), SAXONIX, ... O. S. W.—I am responsible only for my own opinions, and not for ... people. Mrs. L. (Heywood), E. V. (South Kensington), VOX.—... concerns; give them a wide berth. COMPOS (Sussex), HAWISH ... (Dublin), BLADF, F. G. W. (Stockwell), DEM (Essex), A. M. S. ... (Rich).—I am responsible for my own opinions only, and not for ... people. NOTRED.—See previous reply. As regards Honduras, you ... holding them a little longer. C. S. (Philpot Street), G. H. (Liverpool), and you should have nothing to do with this kind of people. ... (Lloyds Avenue), ROLYAT (Poplar).—All are of a more or less ...

BONDS.—H. S. (East Ham).—The lottery itself is genuine enough, ... puffing it are very shady. J. J. O.—The best thing you can ... the firm of Foreign Bankers, whose address I will send you on ... stamped addressed envelope. C. W. (Wickford).—See previous ... J. O." ZERO.—(1) I send you the address in question. (2) No. ... Norwood).—The address has been sent in your envelope. J. H. ... of Credit Foncier Hollandais Bonds at all. If you want Pre... you ought to buy a better class. The Paris firm is not to be ... If you wish it, I will send you the address of a respectable firm ... stockbrokers, through whom you could buy the better class Bonds. ... (1) The Bonds themselves are genuine enough. (2) Certainly

MINES.—F. C. S. (Aberdare).—(1 and 2) "Stand from under" at ..., Austin Friars, E.C. (3) Not much.

LOTTERIES.—E. T. C.—I cannot really serve as intermediary for ... lotteries. They are illegal in this country, and I am afraid will ... action. I cannot, therefore, help you in the matter.

INVESTMENT.—JEFF.—The matter is so important that I have replied

STOCK EXCHANGE.—TIPSTER.—I am sorry to say that it is quite ... you have made this loss, the margin having run off as stated by ... Exchange. APEX (Stratford-on-Avon).—See our issue of October 16th.

MEXICAN SHARES.—TARTAN.—(1) I should not advise the connection. ... of outside brokers of no standing. (2) The best of the shares ... by you is Simmer Deep. (3) Might possibly also improve. I do ... "B," "D," or "E," and you can do better in the low-priced shares ... in my article. As requested, I am sending you the name of a very ... firm, members of the Stock Exchange, who will I feel sure, do your ... satisfactorily.

MINING SHARES.—W. H. C.—As you seem to have bought the ... the end of July, you must have bought them for special settlement, ... took place at the commencement of October. The firm in question are ... of the Stock Exchange, and are certain to have sent you a contract. ... case, you ought to have asked for a contract, if you had not received ... appear to have sent you an account when the special settlement came ... the shares had then to be paid for. I do not see how you can shirk ... responsibility.

EXPLORATION SHARES.—J. W. H.—There is no market for the shares, ... obtain any reliable information. Where did you buy them, and ...

INVEST BONDS.—WULWORTH.—(1) You cannot do better in the circumstances than put the money into Japanese 4 per Cent. (2) Yes, they are ... Government stock. (3) The 5 per cent. will probably be converted ... per Cent. in the near future, and, therefore, are not so suitable. What ... advice has been forwarded.

BANK INVESTMENTS.—CLARENDON HOUSE.—(1) I should prefer more ... the stocks, such as Home Railway Preferences. (2) High rates of ... are not compatible with safety. F. K. B.—Same reply. W. L. D. ...—(1) Ditto. (2) If you want theatre and music hall shares, Drury ... Empire, Alhambra, Tivoli, and Oxford would be a suitable selection. ... (1) Ditto. (2) Why not keep your money at the P.O. Savings Bank? ... Malcolm). H. B. (Sheffield).—For small amounts, but I must take any ... ability in the matter. BULLITE (Camberwell).—See previous reply. Better ... insurance shares in question.

SIX PER CENT. INVESTMENTS, ETC.—NONPAREL.—(1) You cannot get "solid" ... cents to yield 6 per cent.; 5 per cent. is about the limit. (2) Swan and ... Callender's Cable, and Bovrils are the best on your list. (3) Not quite ... (4) Certainly not; deal with a member of the Stock Exchange. I ... you the address of a good firm, if you wish it.

RIETFONTEIN AND KLEINFONTEIN.—INQUIRER (Edinburgh).—Both are satisfactory. The estimated life of the New Rietfontein is 32 years.

DOLLY TIN.—N. W. (Glasgow).—(a) Preference shares received dividends at ... per cent. per annum up to November, 1907—none since; while ... on the Ordinary. (b) I do not like this concern. ... has been paid on the Ordinary.

WIRELESS.—E. C. (Fulham).—Highly speculative, but not unpromising.

RHODESIA SHARES.—PEDRO.—Take a profit when you can get it, but Val d'Or ... quoted at a discount. GERARD.—(1) Java United Plantations are a ... Rubber share, but no catch. The price is 1⅛. Same reply with regard to ... Sua Betong. (2) Now quoted 4s. premium. (3) There is no market ... shares yet. Of course, you should sell these shares through a member of the Stock Exchange, who is well acquainted with the Rubber Market, and ... forwarded an address.

BUENOS AYRES AND PACIFICS.—BOABY.—On any further decline you might ... your holding.

ZAWATTEE.—A. I. C.—(1) Even more speculative than the usual run of Industrials. (2) I send what you require in your envelope.

BOVRIL AUSTRALIAN.—CAVENDISH.—No option but to hold for the present.

BANK OF BENGAL.—LUCEO NON URO.—There is no market here for these shares. Why not apply direct to the secretary of the bank?

FOUR GOLD MINES.—I. S. E.—I do not like any of the shares mentioned, and you should sell on the first opportunity.

EAST KENT COAL AND SUTHERLAND REEFS.—BRIDGE (Tunbridge Wells).—Leave both shares alone.

CANADAS.—H. S. N.—Canadian Pacifics are a good investment, but you must please yourself as to how you will buy your stock.

GUARDIAN INVESTMENT TRUST.—F. N. W.—A good investment of the kind, but not altogether "safe." The document is returned in your envelope.

SALISBURY BUILDINGS.—W. H. C.—Better await the forthcoming meeting, at which, moreover, an attempt is to be made to appoint a new director.

BULAWAYO WATERWORKS.—J. S.—Still in existence, but no market for the shares.

FOUR SAFE INVESTMENTS.—J. S.—All four investments are sound.

STOCKBROKERS.—TYKE (Yorks).—As requested, I forward the name of a highly respectable firm, members of the Stock Exchange, who will be pleased to do your business. The people you mention are Outside Brokers, and I cannot recommend the connection.

SCOTTISH MASHONALAND.—L. D. S. (Southampton).—These shares have been severely affected by the general Rhodesian eclipse. No option but to hold for an improvement.

MISCELLANEOUS HOLDINGS.—HOPEFUL (Greenock).—(1 and 2) I am afraid not. (3) When the liquidation has ceased. (4 and 5) For investment, certainly the former.

MITCHAM AND WIMBLEDON GAS.—TAYLOR.—A fairly prosperous concern of the kind, but the absence of a market quotation for the shares militates against its popularity with investors.

COMMONWEALTH OIL.—COMMONWEALTH.—(1) A sound concern, but for the dividend point somewhat doubtful. (2) A ... has hardly had time to get into its stride. Its holdings ... concerns.

VARIOUS HOLDINGS.—J. H. S. (Bradford).—No particular reason for selling any of your holdings at present. The new concern mentioned ... but not unpromising.

BONDS, ETC.—C. B. G. (Bradford).—(1) The bonds themselves are speculative, but most of the Continental firms pushing them are ... No information and no market. (3) Ditto. NOVET (Devon). What kind of bond do you require, Government, Railway, or what?

NAY VALLEYS.—EGYPTIAN.—(1) No. (2) I cannot advise with regard to the stability of any particular firm.

BRITISH BRONZE CO.—SHAVO.—No information is available here.

MEXICAN COPPER.—J. B. L.—(1) I doubt whether you will see your money back again. (2) Unsaleable.

CONSTANT READER (Hford).—I agree with you that it is advisable to let the price goes down to a vanishing point.

TRUST FUNDS.—T. G. H. (West Kensington).—The words of the clause would preclude investment in Japanese 5 per Cent. or in Argentine W.G.A. Water Bonds. Neither are trustee securities, but are safe enough to all intents and purposes.

PYRENEES SYNDICATE.—M. L.—No information available, and it does not look as if you will ever see your money back again. The circumstances should be a lesson to you not to put any money into such obscure ventures.

INTERNATIONAL PHOTOSCULPTURE.—G. M. R. (Pall Mall).—Apparently of no value. The report does not even appear in the usual books of reference.

J. C. AND J. FIELD, ENGINEER.—I do not advise a purchase.

WEST AUSTRALIAN 4½ PER CENT. BONDS.—R. E. B. (1) Practically. (2) Nothing better. (3) Yes, but a stockbroker would be preferable.

JAPANESE, ETC.—CAUTIOUS (Parsons Green).—Nos. 1, 2, and 3 are all right. No. 4 is fair of the kind. (5) I do not advise a purchase for the present. (6) No particular reason to sell.

JUNGLES AND KAFFIRS.—JASON.—Hold Nos. 1 to 4 for a recovery. (5) Rhodesia Copper may go better presently with other Rhodesians.

INSURANCE REPLIES.

Insurance Enquiries should be addressed Insurance Editor, 67, Long Acre, W.C.

THE PROVIDENT CLERKS' AND GENERAL MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION.—W. S. (Great Yarmouth). You should have written direct to the office of the Association, 27, Moorgate Street, London, E.C., for the information you would, quoting the number of your policy. If you do so we have no doubt that it will be sent to you.

ARMY AND NAVY GENERAL ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION.—G. W. (Chatham). We are glad to hear from you that this matter has been arranged satisfactorily, and note that the hitch was due to your own error. We were quite sure that there was some such explanation.

PROVINCIAL HOMES INVESTMENT CO.—G. A. H. (Pontefract).—We have enquired into this matter, and find that you have really nothing whatever to complain of. There has been difficulty in obtaining an interview with you, or reply to communications, but subject to the transfer of the certificate to the company it would be quite prepared to arrange for the immediate issue of the paid-up certificate referred to. Prior to the lapsing of the certificate there would not have been insistence upon the transfer, but now that it has lapsed you can hardly blame the company for insisting upon its legal rights.

STANDARD COMPANY.—VECTIS (Paddington). It is a young company, but its management is respectable, and it is in a position to meet all its engagements.

SAFE INSURANCE CO.—DOLBEER (Bristol). The company does a large industrial business, and also ordinary life business. It has not been without its difficulties in the past, but its position is steadily improving.

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LOSS UNDER POLICY.—S. H. (Holloway Road).—We regret that we can be of no service to you in raising the £50.

NATIONAL FREE HOMES ASSOCIATION.—SCOTIA (Glasgow).—The answer is in the negative.

INDUSTRIAL INDEMNITY CORPORATION.—C. S. (Southend).—We do not recommend it.

TWO INSURANCE COMPANIES.—T. D. (Cardiff).—Have nothing to do with either of them.

ENDOWMENT POLICY.—C. N. (S. Kensington).—The company you name is a very sound one, and the terms it offers are favourable.

SURRENDER VALUE.—F. H. P. (Ilford).—There is no fixed scale. Different offices have different rates of surrender value. Tell us the company in which you are insured and we will let you know what the office will give you for your policy.

LIABILITY UPON POLICY.—JACK (Salford).—It must be obvious to you that if the wife wins it will mean that the money was improperly paid to you, and consequently you would have to refund.

INSURANCE SHARES.—J. E. T. (Hampstead).—It would be a speculative purchase.

INSURABLE INTEREST.—J. P. (Llangollen).—It is plain from your statement that you have no insurable interest, and we do not think it at all likely that in the circumstances the company would return the premiums paid.

NURSES' ALL SICKNESS AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY.—A. F. (Kilburn).—We have no information on the point.

OMNIUM INSURANCE COMPANY.—W. C. (Coatbridge).—It is too soon as yet to express an opinion upon the questions raised in your note.

PURCHASE OF HOUSE.—W. A. (Edinburgh).—Of the two we should prefer the Provident Association of London. H. B. (Newport).—Our information is that the company is quite sound.

(We regret we are obliged to hold over a large number of replies.)

JOHN BULL'S WOMENFOLK.

By Mrs. Bull.

High Necks.

For one thing at least we have to thank the last few years' craze for Bridge parties or Progressive Whist Drives, and that is the "high" evening frock which is yet smart. Now that this graceful French fashion has at last permeated all classes, we may reasonably hope that it has come to stay, in reason. There are so many occasions in the life of any busy woman or girl, and most of us are busy to-day, when she is bound to feel the convenience of this kind of frock—namely, something light and soft and smart, but without the cold-catching or extra-wrap-demanding conditions of the low-cut neck, and short sleeves, not to mention its demands for extra jewellery and cabs! An ordinary long coat goes well over such a frock, and with a fur cap on the hair the horrors of getting across London in evening dress when one hasn't a carriage are considerably reduced. Besides it is intensely becoming, especially to delicate and refined types, and when it is worn, as Frenchwomen wear it, with especially well done hair. At a big party the other night I saw one of the Borough Mayoresses—never mind which!—in just such a dress of ivory white *colienne* relieved by light pearl embroidery, with the neck "filled" in with pearl-spotted net, and a very high collar of the same, from which stood out a rather large tulle frill. As she was young, slim, and very dark she looked quite charming, and much more distinguished than any of the decolletées ladies. Nowadays, almost any girl could, afford a similar kind of frock, with which she would be well equipped for almost any festive occasion except Drawing Rooms or big balls, and those are not for all of us.

Crimes of Callers.

Many evil things may be attributed to this sisterhood, in particular the stock one of coming too early, and after that staying too late, also of refusing to be introduced to her fellows, or talking loudly about herself. But a new terror has been added to her vocation, for in many social neighbourhoods, specially suburban ones, of late she has taken to saying that a coat and skirt is "good enough" for somebody else's afternoon reception. Now a coat and skirt that even its owner describes as "good enough" is the sort that suggests a red butcher's book carried in one hand, or some other badge of morning shopping, and is quite distinct from a Worth idea of a coat and skirt *de visite*. For my part, I think a dainty drawing-room should be full of women looking their best, even if no male eye is there to see. Surely it does any women good to see one another looking nice and fluffy and "finished," and sends many a poor weary matron home cheered up and in better temper with the eternal monotony of a middle-class social existence. I, at least, speak from experience. The whole thing expresses optimism. Of course, I am not speaking of people in the country or in wet weather who have to go on foot. But when that "sensibly" clad female confidently enters a pretty drawing-room in town on a fine day, I always think of the new maid in *Punch* who said, "Do you come right in, Mum, or are you one of them as waits in the 'all?"

The Mediæval Girl.

I was much amused the other day, on looking up some old City annals, to find an account of the exact cost to her parents of a young girl in her teens in the fourteenth century. The description was given as the average outlay on the daughter of a middle-class merchant of good means. It ran as follows: "Eightpence a week for board and lodging; eightpence a week for clothes; and eightpence a week for doctoring, dressing her head, teaching her, providing her with shoes, *and other expenses*." The italics are mine. What the other expenses were that could be squeezed into this last eightpence it is difficult to guess, but the twopenny hairdressing and the twopenny teaching sound rather funny to moderns!

THE POOLE FIRE BRIGADE.

Mr. Randolph Meech, of Poole, writes:—

You will do well to "keep your eye" on the Poole Fire Brigade. On Thursday night at 10 o'clock I had a fire at my factory. At 10.15 the Poole Fire Brigade had notice. Within about 15 or 20 minutes all men were assembled, fire engine ready, but no horses, nor could any be got. At last a drayman volunteered, at his own risk, to lend two of his master's horses. They arrived on the scene at 1.15 a.m., only three hours' late. They coupled up hose to hydrant in the road and found the main empty; no water could be got. The engine then had to be dragged by men half a mile to a disused gravel pit, full of water, and at about 2.15 the men were playing on the fire—*four hours late* at a fire only 1¼ miles from the station. £4,500 damage done, three-fourths of which could have been saved if the brigade had acted promptly. I am informed (the truth of which I cannot vouch for) that they had not paid the hire for the horses used at a previous fire.

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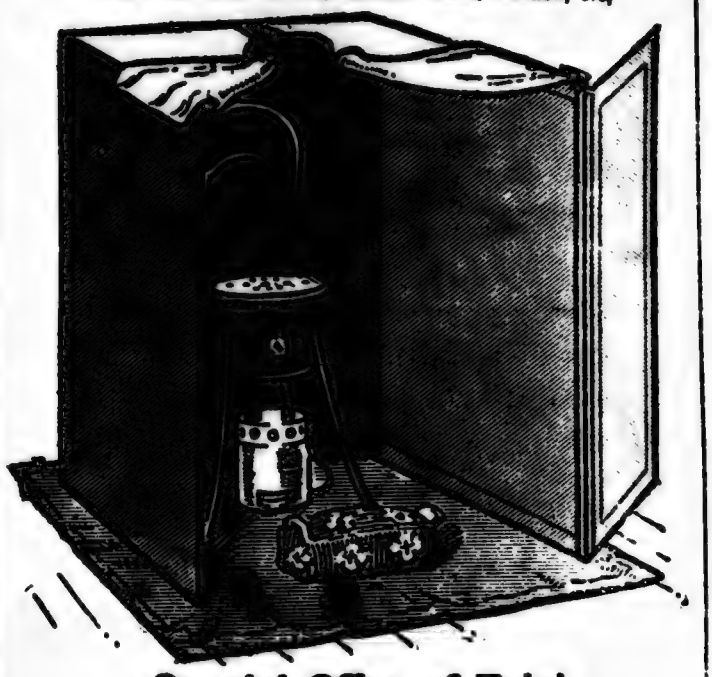

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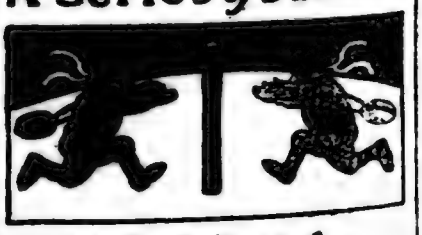

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THE DRAMA OF TO-DAY.

By M. Clement Scott.

"Comedy, Not Tragedy."

Ah! What did I tell you? Haven't I "spoken by the book," as Liza says to Thomas in "life below stairs," as they clean up in the dining-room and discuss the "goings on" of their respective employers?

When I prophesied, before its production, mind you, that "The Hampton Club," played by Seymour Hicks and Company at the Coliseum, would not meet with popular favour, I knew my opinion would be upheld generally, and so it has been proved, for the original tragic ending of Seymour's suicide was a few days ago altered to a "trick death," and the journalist now escapes by covering his would-be destroyers with a loaded revolver.

Whether or no Mr. Hicks will resume Robert Louis Stevenson's terribly harrowing dénouement to this marrow-chilling dramalette, it is impossible to foretell, but that, at any rate, he tried to make for good with a less wretched "wind-up" is certain.

How often I have tried to make it plainly understood that music-hall audiences will endure no half measures: they will either accept low comedy—fun, fast and furious—or powerful heroic sensation, but the finale must always be a happy one. The gruesome, the morbid, the miserable, the ugly will not be tolerated—they see too much of the real thing down their own alleys and slums. The acting may be as good as it is possible to find, but the threepenny crowds which flock to the galleries and the masses which fill the pits of halls will not appreciate it, and only derisive laughter will greet efforts that possibly in a theatre would be hailed with delight.

Miss Esmé Beringer met with an unfortunate reception of this jeering description at the Metropolitan a few days ago when playing Morley Roberts's "strangling tragedy." The audience wouldn't accept it seriously.

And this brings me to the burning question of the moment concerning the "one licence for all" discussion, about which so much time is being spent in thrashing out this doubtful policy.

Now, I ask you, with two such very distinct forms of entertainment as the theatres and music-halls supply, how on earth can the one licence for all business work? The proposition, if carried through, may benefit the theatres, which have not advanced of latter years as the music-halls have done, but if it does take effect the one licence must ultimately [illegible] a bugbear to the music-halls and bring them down to the [illegible] paying condition the theatres are mostly in at the [illegible] moment.

It would be madness for music-hall managers to [illegible] selves to be dragged under the "one licence for all" [illegible] is only by the freedom they have enjoyed that they [illegible] able to raise and improve their variety theatres [illegible] done.

Why not get to the bed-rock of the trouble at once? The office of a censor at all is only necessary on account of the [illegible] of antiquated Acts of Parliament dealing with public amusements, and it is these Acts which should be revised, and this would undoubtedly have been done years ago the wretched drink question had not "barred" the way.

After all what does the censorship amount to? It is only a courteous editorial power, and heaven knows we [illegible] of us require editing, more or less; but it is the old [illegible] laws themselves that want revising, and it is the knowledge the existence of these Acts which has made theatrical managers nudge one another's elbows, give a sly wink, and [illegible] no tangible alternative, to allow music-hall managers to [illegible] little dramatic sketches in their houses, knowing quite well that if things were carefully sifted to the bottom the existing laws would be abolished, and the theatres would have no more power to dictate terms to the music-halls than the music-halls have the right to say "This is our ultimatum" to the theatres.

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

"JOHN BULL'S" GREETINGS.

November 25th.—Andrew Carnegie.

A fool may make money, but it takes a wise man to spend it.—*Proverb.*

November 30th.—Winston Churchill.

It becomes a young man to be modest.—*Plautus*

November 30th.—Mark Twain.

There's the humour of it!—*Shakespeare.*

December 1st.—H.M. Queen Alexandra.

She looks a queen.—*Pope.*

December 2nd.—Sir F. Carruthers Gould.

Satire's my weapon, but I'm too discreet
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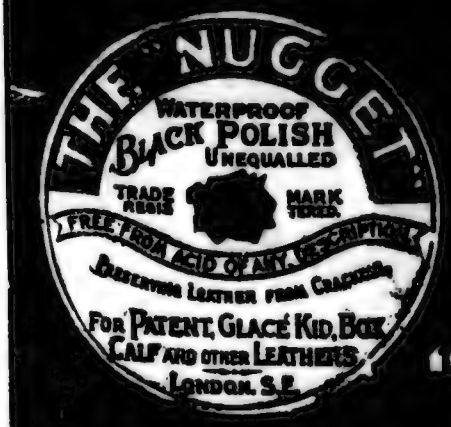

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BULL'S EYES.

Notes of Interrogation:—
Will the Lords Budget?
Are Liberal terms being offered to the Socialists?
Will Lord Charles Beresford stand or Falle?
Is the French judicial system a "bully" one?
Will the Liberal Party lose its Perks?
How does Winston Churchill like striking arguments?
Isn't American football a "dying" game?
Will the abolition of the East End opium dens end in "smoke"?
Won't the Committee's recommendations give the Censor a "no-power standard"?
The *Star* says "Civil War has begun." Who told them?

Mistletoe has already arrived from Holland. Will this give the young man Dutch courage?

Aeroplane at Auction, we read. Not the first that has been knocke down.

We hope the new hospital wing at Bloomsbury will help disease to fly.

The notorious spirit interview appeared at the cracker season.

Heading: Arrests of Armaments. How many will appear in the dock?

We are told that it is the short man that succeeds. Yet the tall man is always above him.

There has been a deal of quarrelling over the Maryle-Bone.

Lord Lansdowne's motion on the Budget has sent beer down again. It is easily shifted.

The Rev. S. Swann, of Crosby, Westmorland, will compete for the Liverpool £1,000 to Manchester flight. A likely bird.

Miss Alice Nice has been awarded £150 damages for disfigurement sustained in a motor-cab collision. She feels nicer now.

"The motor-car is a nuisance to hunting," says the *Autocar*. We suppose the scents get mixed.

A Lincolnshire farmer has a private railway to the nearest station. He runs his business on his own lines.

Mr. Ure is said to be passionately fond of walking, but sometimes he goes a step too far.

The article in a contemporary, "Are Women Cruel?" will, of course, be followed by another, "Is Man-Kind"?

"To love a good woman is a liberal education," says *Leslie's Weekly*. But isn't it a conservative notion, nowadays?

A new dance is said to have a movement suggestive of the prancing horse. Our ball-rooms must be very short of men.

M. Flammarion denies that life on Mars has been destroyed by a cataclysm. So glad.

The bellringers of Capel, Dorking, have struck because the vicar wants them to attend the services. They have the pull on him.

"Liner stranded," reads a headline. A "penny-a-liner," perhaps?

Mr. E. R. Church considers a baby to be one of the necessities of life. A "crying necessity"?

Bolton possesses a boy of three who is "overworked." He must be living a fast life.

"Looking into a Bust," says a *Star* headline. Oh, Mr. Cadbury!

The man named Fawkes, charged at Old Buckenham, Norfolk, with setting fire to a stack, should have "done a guy."

"Fighting was the earliest of all forms of recreation," says Mr. W. Major. Hence the term, "Out for a blow."

If the price of quicksilver continues to increase, there will be a rapid rise in thermometers.

"I regard sleep as one of the first pleasures of life," says Mr. Wedgwood Benn. It usually is.

Asked what her husband's trade was, a Yarmouth woman replied, "He is a road-maker by birth." Born to make a way in the world, evidently.

"Cheapness is everything," says the Southwark coroner. No doubt it is dear to most of us.

The *Daily Mail* describes "nonsense songs" as a "new" feature of the concert room. Ye gods!

A little volume which should be of great benefit to young mothers has just been published by Messrs. Horace Marshall and Son at the remarkably low price of one penny. It is by Mrs. Frank Stephens, and is entitled "The New Baby Book." Its fifty pages are a veritable mine of valuable information on all matters appertaining to infants, and Messrs. Marshall are to be congratulated upon placing so valuable a store of information within the reach of even the very poorest.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade and Mr. B. C. G. Brookes and others, are cordially thanked for their proxies on behalf of Miss Wilmot, whose case we referred in our issue of November 13th.

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[THE EDITOR *replies to, and has a chat with, some of his numerous correspondents.*]

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Will readers, when sending cuttings from newspapers, take care that in each case a sufficient portion is sent to identify the name of the paper and the date of issue?

CORRESPONDENTS, when referring to previous communications which they may have addressed to us, should always mention the nature of the matter therein referred to. Owing to the great increase in the number of ENQUIRIES *received consequent upon the abnormal growth in our circulation, it is no longer possible to answer them all in "Letter Bag,"* AND ONLY THOSE OF GENERAL INTEREST *will be noticed. The Editor will, of course, still be grateful for information, "biscuit" material, newspaper cuttings, etc.*

AUTHORS and ARTISTS *submitting MSS. and drawings for consideration must write names and addresses upon the back of their work. The Editor can accept no responsibility for the safe custody of MSS., etc., so forwarded, but will endeavour to return unaccepted work* WHEN STAMPED, ADDRESSED ENVELOPES ARE SENT FOR THE PURPOSE. ALL MATTER SUBMITTED MUST BE ORIGINAL.

The EDITOR *can express no opinion upon the value of postage stamps, old china, pictures, coins, books, etc.*

F. P. (Bath) says that James Colmer, Ltd., are not bad employers, but he complains of the food provided by Messrs. R. A. Davies (The Welsh Flannel House, Porchester Road, Bayswater).

C. W. says that "the females in the Abode of Love are ten thousand times more to be blamed than Pigott." He observes: "They go to Pigott, not Piggy to them. If they are gulled as you say, why don't they complain?" Because they are gulled, we suppose.

"A CONSTANT READER OF JOHN BULL" (Pembroke) calls our attention to a speech by Sir George Armstrong who said that if a ship suddenly arrived in a place, and there was a great rush for lodgings, and the inhabitants raised their prices, their profit would be taxed as unearned increment. What was it that Mr. Balfour said about Mr. Ure?

J. K. (Sunderland) says that we ought to have written "Redemptorist" instead of "Redemptionist," and "St *Gerard*" instead of "St. *Gerald*." We really must be more careful.

D. J. T. (Carmarthen).—Biscuits are their own reward.

R. F. G. (East Dulwich) has noticed a remarkable growth of commonsense since the advent of the John Bull League. This is nothing to what he will notice if he lives longer.

The P. O. Cigarette Co. (17 North Street, Brighton) wish to be dissociated from the Crown Cigarette Company—the concern upon which we have several times commented adversely.

W. A. V. (Birmingham) sends us another circular from a "Dear Friend." In this case "a beautiful 18 stamped real diamond ring" is offered to purchasers of a fur stole at 3s. 11d. 18 what? We believe the diamond is genuine, but it is a speck which is worth about ½d. in the trade.

H. W. (Mile End).—We feel sure that if the men who lost a day's work through the Lord Mayor's Show passing their employers' premises were to send their names to the Lord Mayor's Secretary at the Mansion House (and mention our Journal), the matter would receive attention.

J. J. (Tooting), H. J. R. (Kilburn), C. W. J. (Hull), F. W. J. (Manchester), "ANOTHER MANCHESTER MUG" (Moss Side), and J. H. W. (Kilburn) complain that they have been bilked by the following football lottery-mongers: Henry Whiteman, Flushing, Holland; F. G. Morton, ditto; A. A. Burchall, ditto; Harry A. Crowhurst, ditto; W. H. Chappell, ditto; and *Sporting Echo*, Middelburg.

W. S. L. (Goole) sends us a letter he has received from a cousin stating that some philanthropist has promised in return for a million used penny postage stamps being collected to build a children's ward in a hospital, vaguely described as "in New South Wales," and requesting that the ball be kept rolling by W. S. L. writing three similar letters to friends. This is an old delusion. As a matter of fact, a million stamps could be purchased for a few pounds from any dealer

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"LANCASHIRE LAD" writes: "Fly a Union Jack in New York on the 4th July, and Heaven knows what would happen to you. Talk about hands across the sea; blood thicker than water—what rot! Send Jim Crow over here." We only wish we could.

E. E. B. (Constitutional Club).—Accusations of falsehood usually indicate a weak case, and, as applied to politicians, are becoming a trifle stale.

G. T. L. (Oswestry) says that a free library is "often just a gathering-place for mouchers who have the run of from ten to twenty sporting papers." But in many libraries they don't allow sporting papers.

R. W. (Birmingham) says that he backs horses (wicked man), but that he upholds the obliteration of betting news in free libraries, because the worst class of men monopolise the papers. There is certainly something to be said for the argument that if a man can afford to bet, he can afford to buy a halfpenny paper.

M. H. (Swindon) has frequently stayed at the Theatrical Mission in Charlotte Street, and says the place was always clean, comfortable, and well-managed. Girls, who were unable to pay, were shown the same amount of consideration as girls who could do so, and no one was ever turned out.

E. E. R. (Camberwell) defends Jersey, and says he has always found the natives courteous and hospitable. He intends to spend his holidays there for many years to come. No doubt he will find plenty of room at the hotel.

MR. ERNEST C. MUDGE, of Streatham Hill, says that he cannot see Kipling spat upon without entering a protest. He suggests that our literary critic would be better employed addressing envelopes. But his hand is too shaky.

J. H. B. (Wandsworth) and a thousand others wish us to consume one of our own biscuits for speaking of "a man and his wife' having lived together for 40 years, unmarried. Was not Eve the wife of Adam?

A. M. (Streatham), *apropos* a recent par. dealing with the treatment of natives by Natal magistrates, says: "It is such appallingly ignorant writers, such as you (we) are, that makes the usual Colonial impatient of home criticism." And after a few more compliments of this character, tells us "to wait till the next Election comes along." We suppose we must.

ANXIOUS ENQUIRER (Bristol) wishes for information about a Mr. John Edward Quinlan, described as "The popular Black Lecturer," who is going about lecturing against Socialism, and concerning whom various stories of an uncomplimentary nature are afloat. Can any of our readers—especially in the Liverpool, Bedford, Canning Town, Poplar, and West Ham districts—give us any enlightenment?

F. R. F. (Hemel Hempstead) tells us that the coroner, clerk to the guardians, and clerk to the magistrates is one and the same person, and wonders whether he sometimes has to write to himself. But why not simply speak to himself?

"IN DOUBT" (Manchester).—We have no doubt the International Correspondence Schools would qualify you to pass the examination for a factory inspectorship, but your trouble would be to obtain a nomination.

I. M. (Stapleford) says his little son was attracted to an advertisement in a boy's paper by an offer of a free sample of postage stamps. With the free sample was another packet of stamps, which he was solicited to buy, the price being 6s. Eventually the lad lost or mislaid the packet, and received a *stencilled* letter from the advertiser, H. C. Watkins, "Maitlands," Granville Road, Barnet, stating that if he did not get his stamps returned or their value within ten days he would send the letter "asking for them" to the Chief Inspector of Police, and leave it to him to deal with the matter. Watkins goes on to say that he would at least have the satisfaction of knowing that the boy "will not be in a position to victimise other dealers as you have done me, for obtaining goods by letter and neither returning them nor paying for them is called by the police by a rather ugly name." We call Watkins' letter by the name of blackmail, and we call his method of palming the stamps off on the boy fraud, and think the Chief Inspector of Police in his district should certainly look him up.

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Prophetic.

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8511	30481	71238	122584	242700
10545	34064	76053	123080	243196
12044	35746	77974	124721	264411
13933	37008	80709	124976	265551
15266	39586	82755	127382	270967
15618	40087	84289	134222	273027
15881	40100	85310	145091	282359
16652	41952	86251	155976	290148
17246	41988	87015	159851	301953
20642	44073	94462	160347	323202
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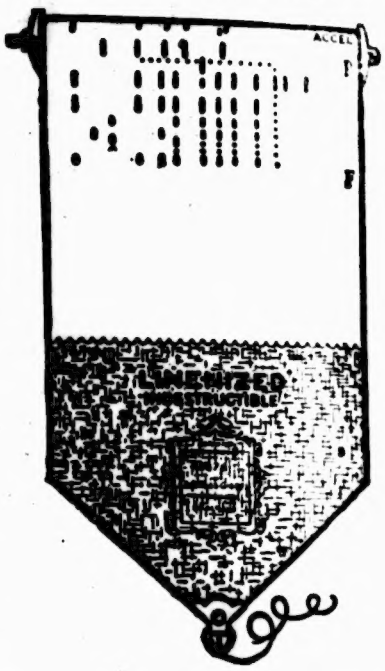

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